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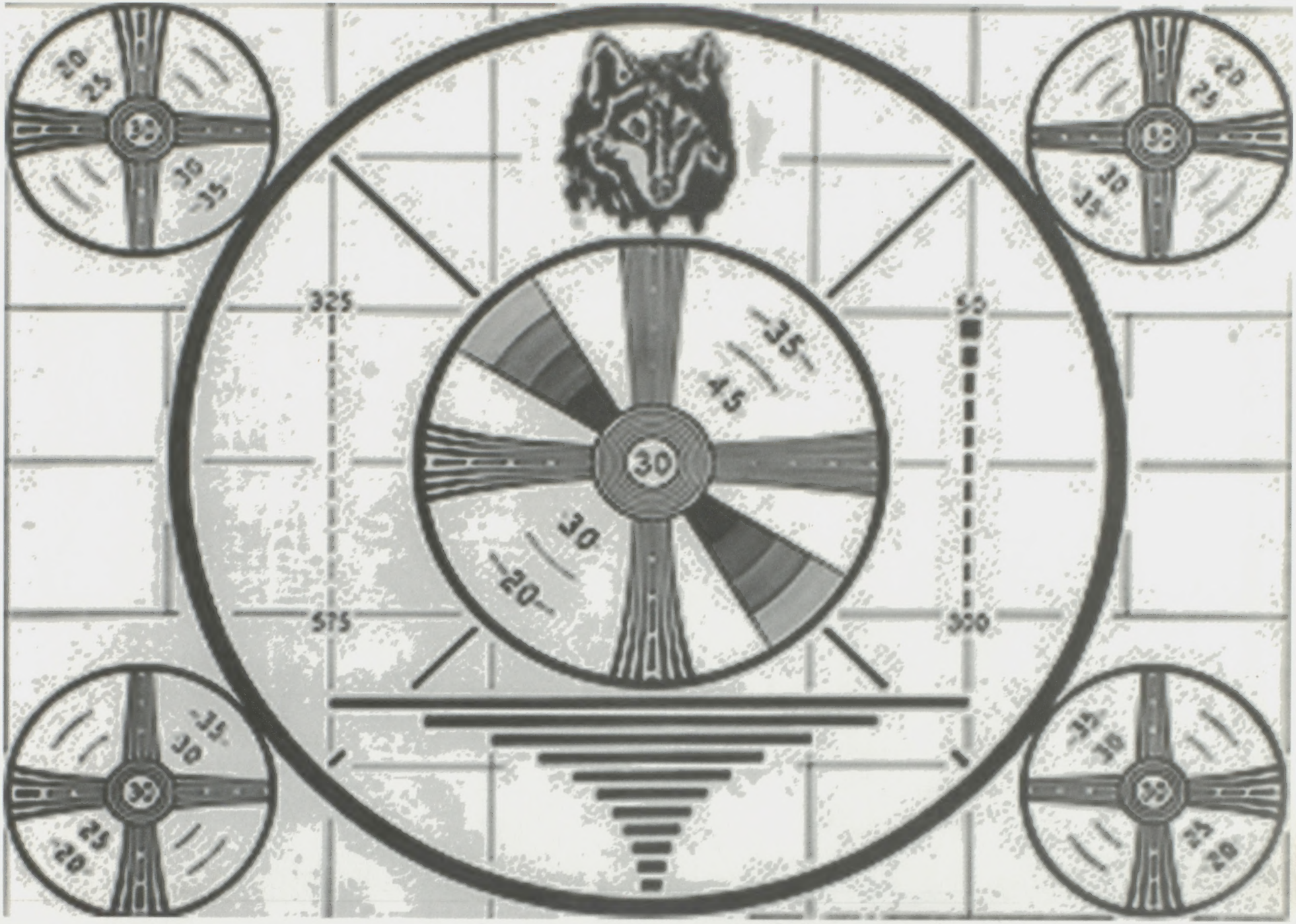
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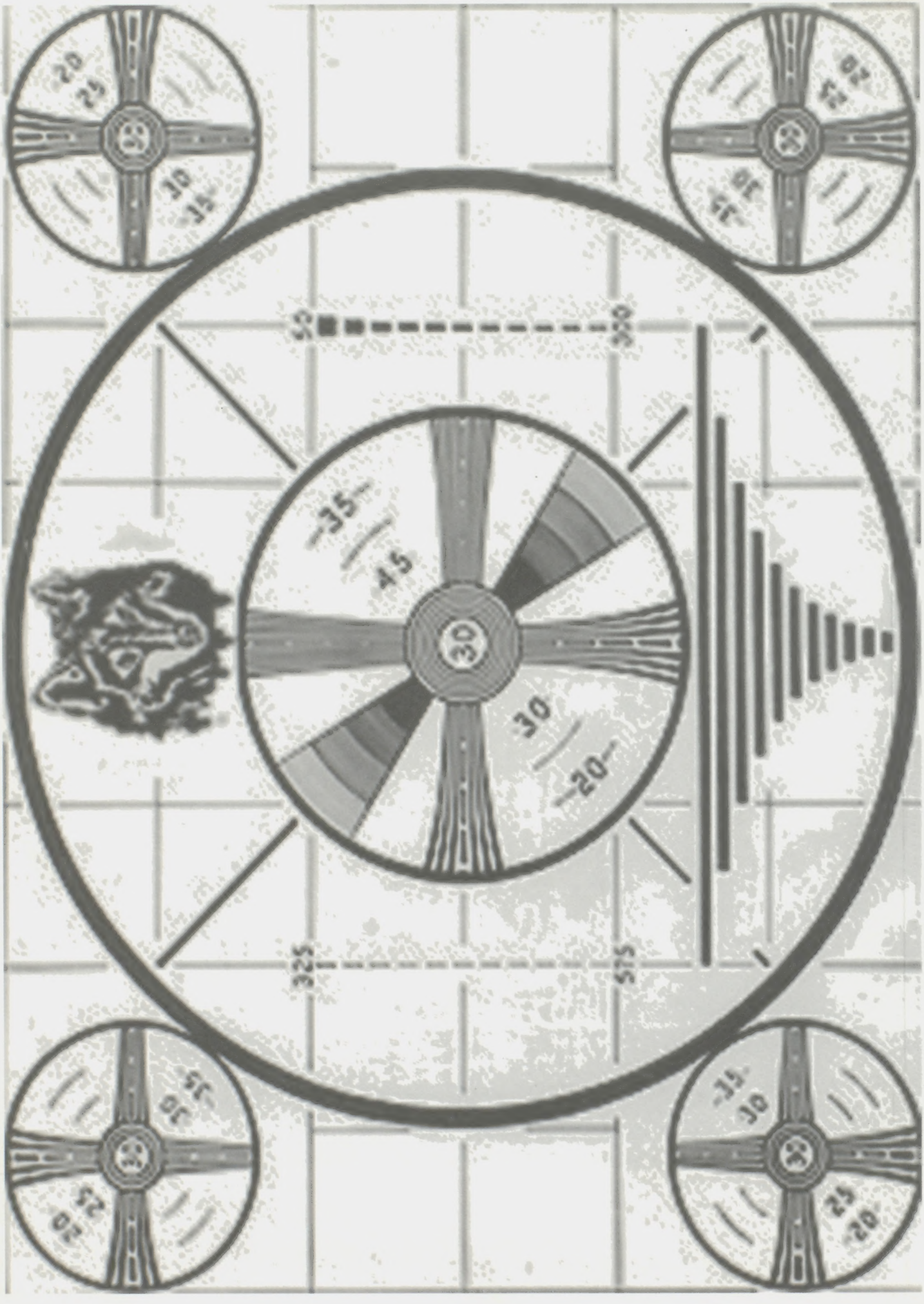
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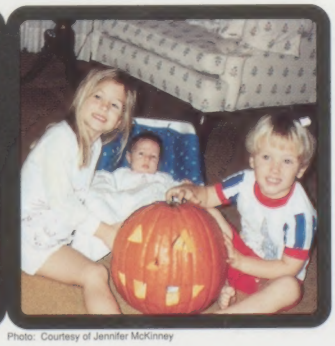

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TRADING SPACES

-- Jacqueline Collens

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Time, energy, and guts were three things that it took to be a construction worker this summer. Up, up and away he goes!

Photo: Root

Ahhh! So this is where all of the sounds of hammers and drills come from. This new wing was added for new classrooms. Hopefully, it will be the right temperature.

Photo: Root

Since the cafe was moved, it has made this hallway the "place to be."

Two stories high, comfortable chairs, televisions, and a lot of extra room! The new cafe is unbelievable!

Jamie Willis
2003

"It is disappointing that the school wasn't finished for our senior year but at least the underclassmen are able to enjoy it."

Ioanna Halkias
2004

"The cafe is modern, cozy, and clean. It is nice to know that they are making the rest of the school as great as the cafe."

Mladen Zivkovic
2005

"The construction went well. We started school late and I enjoyed more of my summer. That makes up for not having as many days off."

Hungry? Why wait? Instead of a Snickers bar, grab a meal at the new cafe. Here Pratik Patel ('04) reaches out for a drink as he proceeds through the lunch line.

What's that hanging out of the ceiling? It's the construction crew finishing up last minute touches in the hallways. They work hard to complete everything before the hallways become crowded.

Yikes! This man better know what he's doing if he's fiddling with all the electrical wires. People like this make the chaos around school a little more tolerable.

SUMMER

Heather Johnson

Summer vacations are always the best when you get to go with your friends. Brianne Sander ('03), Corinne O'Reilly ('03) and Kelley Stein ('03) flew down to Fort Meyers Beach, Florida for a week of rest and relaxation. Watching a beautiful Florida sunset is a perfect way to finish off a busy summer.

David Van Royen ('03) stands on the edge of a cliff in Philmont, New Mexico. This was just one stop during the 60 mile trek on a Boy Scout trip.

Sunscreen, tanning oil, and bathing suits were necessities for this summer. Juniors Erin Finnicum ('04), Misa Rivera ('04) and Jodi Kane ('04) take a quick dip in the pool to cool down on another one of those hot summer days.

Photo: Heather Johnson

Jenny Allen
2003

"My family and I went to Door County, Wisconsin for a week in August. During the week we went go-carting, shopping, boating, and fishing, but the highlight of my trip was when we all went parasailing."

Photo: Heather Johnson

Victor Colon
2006

"I competed in a National Basketball tournament down in Florida this summer. My team, the Illinois Express, finished in the top 30 teams from across the United States."

Photo: Heather Johnson

Anna Chaiken
2003

"I went to Disney World and took a picture with Mickey! It was Walt Disney's 100th Birthday so there were a lot of parades and celebrations all week."

During the summer, senior Mollie Levison ('03) did a study abroad program in Toledo, Spain. Levinson spent a month enjoying the education and wonderful experiences that Spain has to offer.

Photo: Courtesy of Samantha Rosati

Samantha Rosati ('04) and Andrea Markeweych ('04) spend a day at Kristin Giuang's summer house in Wisconsin. The girls buckle up their life jackets and get ready to take off for a wild ride!

Photo: Courtesy of James Drachenberg

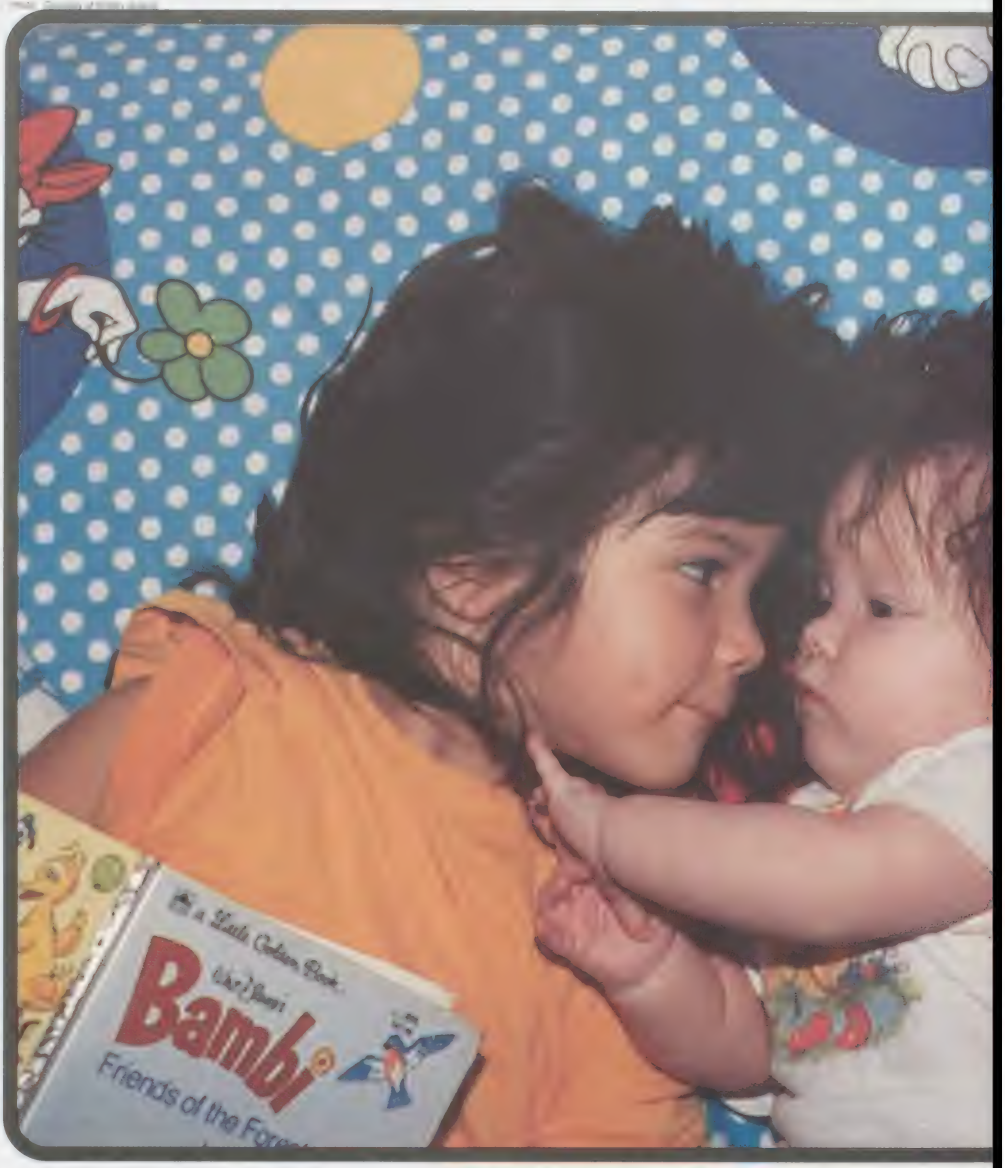
James Drachenberg ('04) went to an orphanage in Mexico during his summer vacation. It was a great experience to learn more about children from other countries.

Photo: Courtesy of Mina Azarnoosh

Mina Azarnoosh ('06) and Erica Lockland ('06) went to Navy Pier to walk around, shop and have lunch in one of the restaurants outside.

FAMILY MATTERS

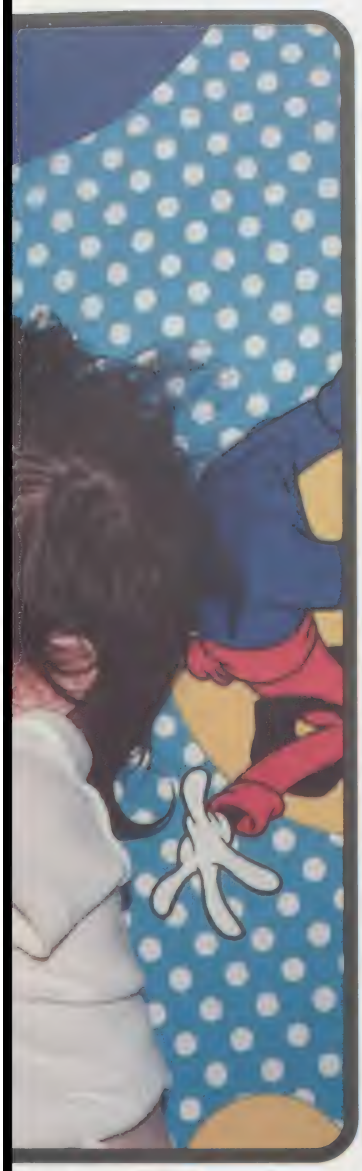
Beeta Azarnoosh



"CAKE!" What group of sisters doesn't love to fight over a piece of cake? Emina ('06), Vjoica ('04), and Senada ('05) Lika share a special birthday moment as a family.

"I love my baby brother Parker, even though I don't show it. He thinks he's a stud; watch out girls," says loving older sister Nicole Amsberry ('04) of younger brother Parker ('06).

Kim Ho ('03) tries to play another round of "kick the baby" with younger sister Judy ('05) but their parents yell at Kim. Kim's punishment is taking a picture with Judy for the Ho family album.



"Rock a bye baby..." Kristin Guiang ('03) is the best big sister anyone can have. Being the loving sister that she is, she reads a story to little sister Jessie ('06).

Kelley & Rachel Stein
2003 & 2006

"I love having Rachel ('06) in the same school. It gives me the chance to look out for her and help her when she needs help."

Photo Courtesy of Mike Verissimo

Michael & Ryan Verissimo
2003 & 2006

"Ryan takes after me; he's great with the ladies. It's the Verissimo way; he learns from the best."

Erin & Courtney Finnicum
2004 & 2006

"Courtney and I have the close relationship that not many other siblings have. She's pretty cool, for a freshman."

"I hear sleigh bells! Santa's coming!" Jessica ('05) and Justin ('04) get ready for another Plaia family Christmas.

"DJ walks by and doesn't say anything and if he does say something, he makes fun of me in front of other people," complains younger sister CeCe Kosiba ('06). What does DJ ('03) have to say about this? "No comment." Aw.

Older siblings are always nice when they are younger, but things change once they get older. Sarah Oline ('04) puts on the "nice older sister act" for younger brother Billy ('06).

MEN AT WORK

-- Jenny Allen

Lincolnwood Day Camp counselor Nida Shakir ('03) carefully listens to the day's schedule. Arts and crafts, swimming, and field trips to the zoo were some of the fun activities the campers enjoyed.

Monica Stankiewicz's ('04) job was doing clerical work in an office. Her job required her to file and answer phones. If she had time to pose for this picture, she obviously had plenty of down time.

"Clean up in aisle nine!" Omar Salem ('04) uses his big muscles to lift heavy boxes at Happy Foods. Phew, what a work out.

Goran Momirovic
2003
Circuit City

"I would always get into fights with the managers!"

Stephanie Scharaga
2005
North Shore Day Camp

"The worst thing about being a camp counselor was taking care of kids after they peed in their pants."

Courtney Tutt
2004
Evanston Hospital

"During my lunch break I had to sit alone; I felt like such a loser!"

Carolyn Zich ('03) was a camp counselor at Camp Jorn. This was a great job for her because she got a chance to work with children, something she will continue doing in the future.

After an exhausting day of steaming milk and mixing lattes at Gloria Jean's, Corina Nasui ('03) and Katie Kriticos ('03) manage to give us a smile.

"Hey, I finally got this thing to work." Nicolette Larsen ('03) exclaims as she removes her papers from the printer. I guess it's back to filing now!

Helen Kang ('03) and Emily Park ('03) know what an exhausting day at work feels like. They work at Crown Theatres in Village Crossing. The best thing about this job is that employees get to see movies for free.

Halloween

Stephanie Persaud

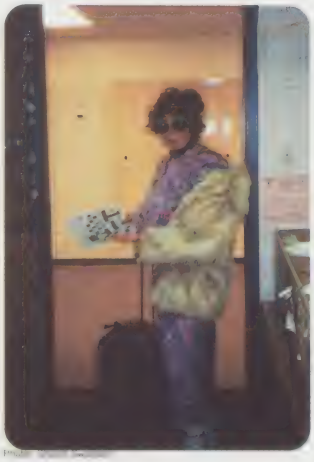
Jenny Boca ('04) soared through the skies on Halloween night. As "Super Girl" Jenny saved many people and helped make the city a little bit safer.

Kristina Govostis ('03), Jennifer Allen ('03), and Joseph Kano ('03) stand together in one of the most unusual combinations--a priest and two kitties??

After leaving TRl on MTV, Avril Lavigne, a.k.a. Chelsea Sher ('04), she made an appearance in the halls of Niles West. Loyal fans could be seen chasing her through open halls.

Donna Thomas
A.V.

Cruella DeVil was 'spotted' in the A.V. center. This evil looking woman could be heard saying,"You better keep your dalmations away for me!"



Frau Dawn Jacob's "Substitute"

"I wish people would stop kicking my rolling backpack! And what is with this 'mod' thing?"-- Frau Busenman

Christopher Lewallen
2005

"This year I wanted to be something that no one else was! I think it is more interesting when people are original, not the same thing.

"I like big (fake) butts and I cannot lie!" That song seemed to play over and over in the minds of Anna Chaiken ('03), Nicole Kouzoukas ('03), and Jacqueline Collens ('03). These three appeared as an interesting group as Britney Spears, an apparently confused hospital patient and an adorable lady bug.

Prize for the most creative costume goes to...the ladies of the IRC. This year they dressed as Dewey and the decimal system. Each costume depicted the catagory that Dewey described with his number system.

Jessica Patera ('04) has just finished sharpening her teeth as she awaits sunset and her flight as a vampire. Be careful you might get bit!

The Walmart "Smiley" visited the halls of Niles West on Halloween. Look how happy Kelly Keller ('03) and Roma Bavar ('03) are as Mrs. Susan Schramm announces the new low prices and hopefully not new lower grades.

Special Events

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"E!"

Mrs. Maria Cowan, who retired last year, is acknowledged for her many years of service at Niles West by Superintendent Griff Powell and Mrs. Liz Robertson. Some other teachers retired last year also, such as Mr. Pat Flynn, Mr. Pat Savage and Mrs. Rita Kay.

Mr. Steve Katz presents the Illinois Music Educators Association All State Award for orchestra to violinist Sharon Chang ('04).

Mrs. Paula Bachman directs the choir as they give an outstanding performance at Accolades.

Accolades and Freshman Awards

The People's Choice Awards

Mary Isho ('05) thanks former Assistant Principal Barry Brodsky as he hands her an award.

When students first enter high school, they probably don't even know that they can get awards acknowledging their accomplishments at the end of the year. Freshman Awards Night and Accolades are the two awards ceremonies held to recognize high achievers. Mrs. Alegnani, one of the directors of the ceremony, says that Accolades mostly "highlights the accomplishments of seniors." It also recognizes achievements of individual students in academic competitions, retiring teachers, and parents who gave hours of their time to the school. Two of the main awards are the Principal's Medallion and the department awards; it is an honor to receive any one of them.

-- Virginia Palmer

"Thank you so much!" Gillian Ouska ('05) exclaims as she accepts her award for Academic Excellence in Multiple Subjects from Dr. Roger Stein. She received several other awards that night also, including the Presidential Fitness Award.

Jennifer Klein ('03) gladly thanks Mr. Mark Rigby for her silver pin.

Look at that grip! Mrs. Nancy Maloney gives Thomas Chin ('04) a firm handshake as well as his award. He designed the cover of the Accolades program book and received an award for doing so.

Mr. Steve Foerch, Mrs. Cindy Protus-Edelson and Mrs. Jodi Weatherington line up as Charles Williams ('02) presents them with the Inspirational Teacher Award. His two other inspirational teachers were Ms. Paula Bachman and Mrs. Michele Hettinger.

Mrs. Ruth Gleicher and Mr. Tom Meskel award Tesh Frackiewicz ('05) a medal for Academic Excellence in Honor's Biology.

Top hats and canes, these two "mack daddy's" Juan Bautista('02) and Carlos Garcia('01) are strolling to prom with classic style.

As these gentlemen anxiously wait to cruise to prom in their limo, Andrew Lazar('02), Adil Kelvie('01), John Aaltturk('02), Ines Vulic('02), Matthew Uyeno('02), and Eric Vox('02) stop for a quick picture to show off their snappy suits.

Lauren Cutlips('02) and date show off their swing moves and dance the night away.

Prom

Please Remember...

Prom Court of 2002 anxiously await the results from the ballots. The court consisted of Charles Williams('02), Emmet Gebrehiiwet('02), Greg O'Brien('02), Samantha Espinosa('02), Christopher Limjoco('02), Tiffany Clarito('02), Robert Noonan('02), Nicolette Lambropoulos('02), Elizabeth('02), and Kevin Vanderporten('02).

On the night of May 18, students attended prom at the Marriott downtown. As the students entered the lobby, the onlookers gawked at all the beautiful young people gliding through the room. Promptly at 7:30, dinner was served and the band started playing. After dinner, the real party started...the band cranked up the volume and the adrenaline-pumped seniors split for the dance floor. From conga lines to the electric slide, all the students went back in time. Some couples stayed in each other's arms to remember the moment; others cried. All in all, prom was a success. It gave the senior class a chance to spend one last night together making memories that they will cherish forever.
-- Lena Rubins

Chistopher Limjoco('02) and Tiffany Clarito('02) were astonished that they won prom king and queen. They were so excited, they couldn't let go of each other for the rest of the night.

These two lovebirds Christopher Ravenna('02) and Maryann Arsenijevic('03) stop and rest from all the dancing to cherish the moment of the time spent together in high school.

Die! Die! Despite the fact that everyone is dressed up, they're still managing to

Emmanuel Simon('02), Alex Filin('02), Sean Martin('02), Lonnie Williams('02), and Larry Masarsky('02) show everyone that it really doesn't matter if you're black or white because they know they all look good.

This couple is starving! Nilcole Speruloulos('02) and Eric Quinn('03) look on-to prom's exciting menu for the preview of the night's dinner.

Valedictorian Michael Nui enchants us with his graduation speech. The graduating students sit in silence as they are reminded of old memories and realize their high school days are over.

This new graduate, Adam Eng, gives the camera a little proof that he really did graduate. Here he is showing off his diploma.

Graduate Valentina Momirovic smiles with a little too much enthusiasm. Don't worry, we're glad you're graduating, too.

Graduation

Boy Meets World

Christine Gloriosa, Milena Nitti, and Suzanne Ryan pose to take their last picture as high school students. In minutes, they will be graduates and begin a new chapter in their lives.

At 7:00 P.M., the 2002 seniors started walking out from all sides of the auditorium as a familiar song filled the Welsh Ryan Arena. June 5th was the last day they would call themselves high school students. Some were already crying, many were smiling, and others were in disbelief that high school was really over. Right after the ceremony ended, a group who had been friends since grade school huddled in a circle and cried as they reminisced and enjoyed perhaps one of the last moments they would be together. Graduation is always a sad event because friends must say good-bye as they begin a new chapter of their lives.

-- Brenda Teruel

Hallelujah! Sammer Fakhoury is finally done with high school. He looks out to his friends and family in thanks for support.

Former senior class President Ida Plaza and Vice President Angie Kang look over their speeches. It may be nerve-wracking to talk in front of hundreds of guests but they look ready to party. Luau, anyone?

Although a graduate, Sage Greising is still a little kid inside and NEEDS his treat right now! He rushes off to the ice cream man just after graduating.

Principal Roger Stein shakes hands with the new graduate, Asrar Ahamed. Congratulations and good luck!

Hooray! These people jump up for joy that high school's out forever.

Members of the senior and freshman team scream in excitement after watching their team score a touchdown.

"IOWA 22! SET, HIKE!" Junior Jodi Henriksen gets the play from the coach on the sidaline and gets ready to receive the hike. Henriksen was one of two quarterbacks on the senior and freshmen team that led them to victory.

"These girls never cease to amaze me. Oh yea!"

Powder Puff

Monday Night Football

Remember ladies, this is not the NFL; it's just Powder Puff!" Here senior captains and sophomore captains hear the ground rules and get a pep talk from superstar football player/coach Ms. Colleen Davis.

Powder Puff made its debut last year in the spring with the classes of '02 and '05 beating the classes of '03 and '04 by just a few points. This year's seniors teamed up with the freshmen to take revenge on the juniors and sophomores. The game wasn't even close, 38-8, in favor of the seniors and freshmen. The price of admission and any additional donations from the game were given to the Breast Cancer Foundation. Student activities assistant Cindy Kukla, math teacher Colleen Davis, and seniors Monica Dabul and Beeta Azarnoosh were also part of the organizing committee.
--Beeta Azarnoosh

Katie Stock (03) gets off the line and runs the ball in away from sophomore defender Samantha Sanders. Two weeks prior to the big game, both teams held six practices in order to learn plays and get ready. It all paid off in the end for the senior and freshman team.

These freshman girls look like they didn't even play in the game! But they really did and came up big for their team. In fact, Erica Locklund (third from left) scored two touchdowns. Not bad for a freshman who's never played football before.
Playing the role of quarterback , Jodi Henriksen ('03) has a very important role for her team.

The seniors expected victory right from the start. "Wow, I had such a great time playing powder puff. Lots of these girls weren't bad at all and we had some great coaching, " comments Brianne Sander ('03).

"Team huddle! Go juniors and sophomores!" Thinking they actually stand a chance in winning, the team gathers for a pep talk.

As the football team's car broke down in the middle of the parade, Coach Ramseyer volunteered to push the football "studs" out of the way.

Homecoming queen Lia Palivos sheds a tear as the crown is placed on her head while king, Alex Buc, stands in amazement.

Students weren't the only ones in the parade. Here teachers begin the tradition of walking in the parade.

Homecoming

Varsity Blues

Niles West cheerleaders hold up a sign as the starting football players run through. What a way to begin the homecoming game!

The sound of "Go home freshmen," was heard across the gymnasium from the senior section. This is just one of the many traditions Niles West holds for its students. Another tradition is the announcement of the homecoming king and queen. The entire gym rose to their feet in silent anticipation waiting for the announcement. As Lia Palivos and Alex Buc's names were read as this year's king and queen, everyone began cheering at the top of their lungs. The 2002 homecoming assembly really pumped up all of the teams as well as the fans. And it was successful, especially for the football team which defeated Waukegan that night.

-- Anna Chaiken

Lia Palivos and Alex Buc are escorted around town in the parade after being crowned queen and king.

These Pommers are all smiles as they ride around in a convertible.

Every club created an original theme for its float. Here, the theatre float is seen in their Gilligan's Island gear.

The Hellenic Club drives by with everyone yelling "number one!" This club placed first in the parade's float contest

As Michael Tomoleoni's name is read, everyone began cheering throughout the auditorium. What great school spirit!

Shawn Guardino ('03) and Jasna Vojcic ('03) take a moment to smile for the camera.

Photo: Courtesy of Peter Lucas

Nickolas Cosmos ('03), George Lappas ('03), Michael Tomoleoni ('03), Peter Lucas ('03) and David Kopf (03') are not only great friends but they are the offensive line for the football team. Marty Gould ('05) and Karalyn O'Brien ('05) stop to show each other the beautiful flowers they received. Marty, the girl usually wears the corsage.

Photo: Post

Homecoming Dance

Hawaiian Nights

What a big bruise of girls! No one got punched but Michaela Bobos ('03), Rachel Gitlin ('03), Cathy Superdock ('03), Nicole Jeans ('03), and Lena Rubins ('03) are very black and blue.

After a Friday filled with beautiful weather, an exciting pep rally, and a winning game, everyone was up for the dance Saturday night. "Slide to the left, slide to the right, cha cha now y'all," went the music that made everyone get on their feet at the dance and sli-i-i-ide away. Queen Lia Palivos and King Alex Buc caused the Polynesian atmosphere to resonate as they danced their first slow dance. When the couples left, some went to dinner, others went bowling, and many simply drove around in their limos to celebrate the happy occassion.

-- Jacqueline Collens and Katie Kriticos

Mary Ishe ('05) was obviously not having a bad time at homecoming. She was dancing to the funky beats and did not stop to take one breath.

Look at these studs all dressed up. Jeffery Maher ('03), Dino Kalabogias ('03), and George Gates ('03) strike a pose before they leave for the dance. They even look good when they are not smiling.
Rebecca Cornici ('03) and Kathy Benetatos ('03) show their pearly whites as they pose for the camera. Are they wearing the same dress, just in a different color?

Photo: Courtesy of Erica Tejada

This year bowling shoes are in style but they don't go so well with homecoming dresses. Colleen Corrigan('03), Erica Tahada('03), and Christine Carnadie('03) had a fabulous time bowling after the Homecoming Dance.

Thomas Maddex ('05) and his date are just as happy as clams. After dancing up a storm they decided to take a break.

MLK Assembly

Respect, Non-violence, and Equality

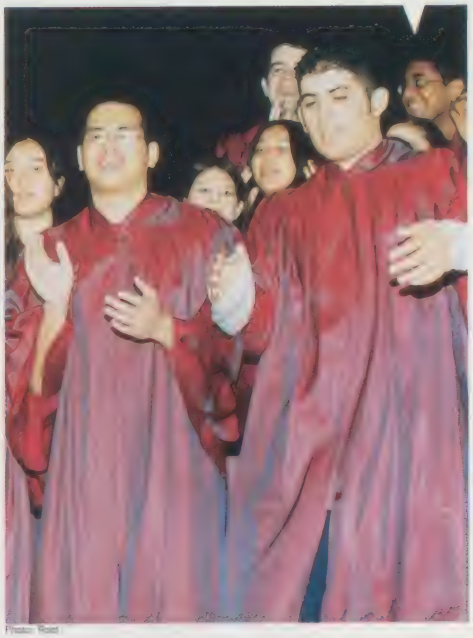
On January 17th a number of students participated in the Martin Luther King assembly sponsored by the African American Club and Ms. Teresa Marsh. The assembly focused on the accomplishments of Dr. King and his followers. Selected skits, poems, and dances were performed by students. The choir participated by singing "Oh, Happy Day" and "Joyful, Joyful," while Junette Bennett ('03) and Lauren McLaughlin ('03) performed step dances. Other students such Linda Chacko ('03) and Stephanie Papillon ('05) read speeches and a poem that address King's message of nonviolence. This assembly stands out as the one time of the year that students come together to express their creativity in a positive way.

-- Lena Kudirka and Jenny Allen

"Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado!"

"Let freedom ring from the curvaceous peaks of California!"

"Let freedom ring from every hill and every molehill of Mississippi. From every mountainside, let freedom ring!"



"Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee!"

Walking the halls at Niles West, Virginia Palmer and Loreen Targos wanted to find out how much general knowledge the student body has. What they discovered was shocking. While you read this page, quiz yourself and see how you compare with the students who were interviewed. The actual answers are mixed in with those from the people who were interviewed.

West Walking

"How many states are in the United States?"

"51"

"52"

"1 big state"

"50"

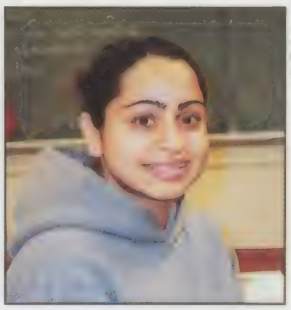
"What's the earth's biggest satellite?"

"Sputnik"

"Hubble"

"NASA"

"the moon"



"Who's the current Vice President?"

"Jesse Jackson"

"Ralph Nader"

"Al Gore"

"Dick Cheney"

"What political system was manifested in the Communist Manifesto?"

"Manisfestation"

"Dictatorship"

"Democratic"

"Communism"

"Where is Washington, D.C.?"

"Pennsylvania"

"Virginia"

"Oregon"

"New Jersey"

"Maryland"

"Massachusetts"

"Delaware"

"Washington"

"Where's what?"

"United States"

"California"

"District of Columbia"

Charlie Lambropoulos ('03) eagerly anticipates receiving his NHS certificate from Mrs. Jean Affig. Congratulations, inductees.

Dexter Yu ('03) lights his fellow NHS member Brenda Teruel's ('03) candle. The lighting of the candle is the final aspect of the ceremony.

The Master Singers help make the ceremony a night no NHS member will forget. Catherine Kowalczyk ('03) and the rest of the choir sing "Michigan Morn."

National Honor Society

America's Most Wanted

Front: Sam Blinstein, Jeremy Klein, Caroline Froning, Catherine Kowalczyk, Lorraine Ishida, Alisa Kusolvisitikul, Dorine Bella, Kate Edelson, Helen Kang 2nd: Kathyrn Ernst, Michelle Brodsky, Dexter Yu, Robert Chen, Andrew Jatico, Craig Kaneshiro, Aby Karottu, Maulin Shah, Michael Fazelian, Atena Lodhi 3rd: Kevin Henrick, Dana Lebitsky, Tanya Dudkina, Sandra Goyal, Emily Maggi, Crystal Calayag, Kejal Patel, Todd Matten, Kim Ho, Jamie Willis, Hannah Rutzen, Abigail Reiss, Nida Shakir, Karina Shah, Kathyrn Barquez 4th: Dale Mackey, Mallory Portnoy, Peter Lucas, Charlie Lambropoulos, Ben Krop, Katherine Stachowicz, Eric Shine, Katherine Schmid, Rajan Shah, James Drachenberg, Jimmy Gikas, Emin Lelic, Jennifer Klein Back: Nicole Kouzoukas, Eileen Ouska, Colleen Corrigan, Jodi Henricksen, Dina Knorr, Karolina Kowalczyk, Jeanne Chiu, Jean Mok, Brenda Teruel, Theresa Kim, Ak Paramadilok, Theresa Lim

Co-Induction officer Kejal Patel ('03) announces the names of members as they receive their pins. Each of the members has a chance to walk across the stage and shake hands with the principal, superintendent, and inspirational teacher.

After the ceremony, a reception is held in the Oakton Lobby. In true NHS fashion, Craig Kaneshiro ('03) and Robert Chen ('03) work hard to serve others.

Ak Paramadilok ('03) waits patiently to light her candle. After all the candles are lit, inductees recite the official NHS pledge.

Four of the five NHS officers, Crystal Calayag ('03), Kejal Patel ('03), Todd Matten ('03), and Jamie Willis ('03) each give a speech on the four virtues of NHS, character, leadership, scholarship, and service.

Co-Induction officer Kim Ho ('03) serves as Master of Ceremony for the night. For the last month, Ho has been working hard printing invitations and programs.

SENIORS

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King of the Hill

Joffin Abraham

Esther Aessa

Colette Afante

Saarum Afzal

Evelyn Aguilar

Mehnaaz Ahmed

Kristopher Ahrens

Drooj Alam

Evans Alexander

Zeeshan Ali

Jennifer Allen

Sergio Alzate

Daniel Anderson

Talin Andraiasiyan

Kathleen Andrews

Lester Araica

Matthew Arends

Lauren Arima

Maryann Arsenijevic

Sohel Asmal

Beeta Azarnoosh

Darek Bacal

Sally Bae

Georgia Bakladonis

Jeff Balin

Melissa Barker

Kathryn Barquez

Vanessa Barrios

Roma Bavar

Dorine Bella

Aaron Bendel

Karen Benetatos

Kathy Benetatos

Michael Berger

Sunita Bhola

Charles Blanchard

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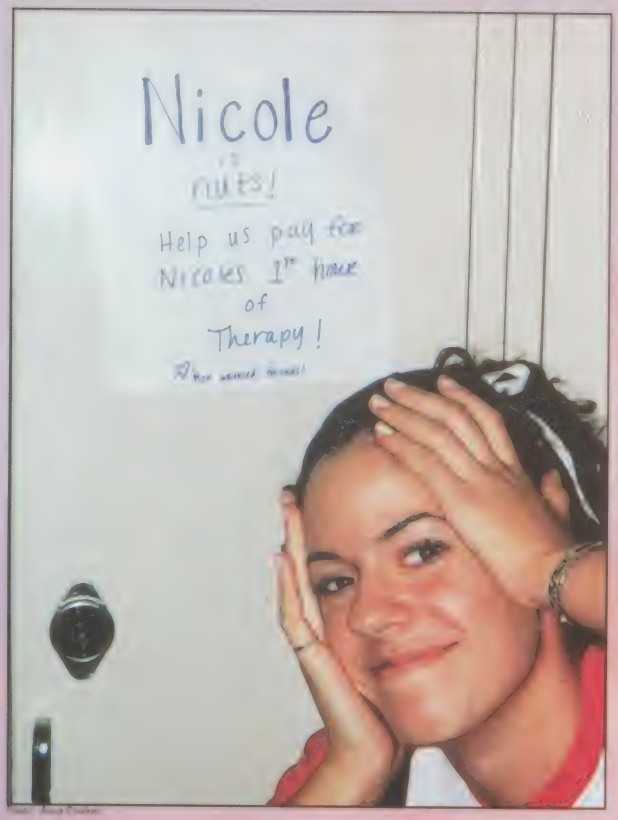
Becky Bloom

Michaela Bobos

Sara Bostetter



What will you miss most about Niles West?

"Being able to do so much of nothing and still getting by."
-- Adil Kolovic

"Saying hi to my friends in the hall."
-- Todd Matten

"The distinct odor."
-- Becky Bloom

"The parking lot walks."
-- Anonymous

"I will miss seeing the little freshies get lost when they go to class."
-- Jean Mok

"My friends who have been true and the few teachers who made a difference: Mrs. Protus, Mrs. Erickson, and Ms. Lauer."
-- Amanda Dehne

"All the food fights, late starts, Homecoming, friends, and some teachers."
-- Kathryn Stock

"Ms. Swanson."
-- Anna Chaiken

Top Left: Nicole Kouzoukas can't handle all the stress from filling out college applications. Her loving friends start a charity to pay for therapy.
Far Top: Is Sociology a class or one huge social event? You'll have to ask Joseph Kanno, Maria Politis, Jennifer Allen, Avrelia Palivos, Lena Rubins, or Ashlee Christian.
Above: Jorge Dy cutting class, again? But wait, this time he has a pass.

Rodelyne Boursiquot

Mohammed Bozai

Sami Bozai

Michelle Brodsky

Paul Brown

Elizabeth Broydo

Alex Buc

Tony Buljubasic

Megan Burns

Melissa Caballero

Joseph Cabrera

Crystal Calayag

Robert Cardona

Christine Dee Carnate

Aldwin Castillo

Jacob Chacko

Anna Chaiken

Jay Chazen

Joseph Chelampath

Robert Chen

Jane Cherepenina

William Chiang

Amy Chiu

Jeanne Chiu

Anna Chmielewska

Steven Christensen

Ashlee Christian

Michael Chun

Myra Chung

Milica Cicmil

Klaudyna Cieszynska

Gabriel Clarito

Jacqueline Collens

Diego Colon

Jesus Colon

Kellien Conklin

Alexandra Corcoran

Rebecca Cornici

Colleen Corrigan

Nicholas Cosmos

Enrico (Rick) Costabile

Melanie Cuaresma

Renato Cuevo

Pretty Cyriac

Monica Dabul

Sebastian Danilowski

Isaac Delgado-Vela

Sherley Delma

Christine Depaolis

Taxiarhis Dimoulas

Mahmudul Din

Linda Diryawish

David Dorband

James Drachenberg

Sophia Drosos

Christopher Drouganis

Peter Dubs

Kate Edelson

Alexander Elman

Ida Eng

Jennifer Eng

Kathryn Ernst

Melanie Espiritu

Linsey Eusebio

Husien Fattah

Michael Fazelian

Joseph Ficek

Jennifer Figueroa

Robert Finnerman

Sean Finnerman

Bryan Foley

Jennifer Fortman

Marta Franczak

Nicholas Frank

Simona Fratu

Cory Freeman

Dana Freeman

Caroline Froning

Dominic Gabriel

Christopher Gajda

Tanhee Galindo

Jerry Galinsky

Cynthia Garcia

Lady Ariane Garcia

Leslie Garcia

George Gates

Jacob Gates

Jason George

Kyle Gerstner

Rami Ghattas

Yusra Ghazi

Martin Gibbs

Aggeliki Gikas

Alex Gikas

Jimmy Gikas

Rachel Gitlin

Jane Goldshteyn

Jennifer Gorski

Kristina Gouvaris

Gelinenne Goy VI

Sandra Goyal

Anthony Gragnani

Eileen Grande

Sergie Grebenschikov

Shaun Guardino

Kristin Guiang

Cindy Guzman

George Halkias

George Hamada

Kristin Hanaoka

David Hawk

Tyler Heidtke

Susan Heilig

Jodi Henriksen

What are your dreams for the future?

"I want it all, a family, job, house, pet, money, love and happiness. Don't we all?"

-- Maryann Arsenijevic

"To rule the world."

-- Danny Angeles

"Become a rock star."

-- Matthew Arends

"To go away to college and live without my parents."

-- Katie Kriticos

"Travel the world."

-- Steven Janossy

"'I want to be a part of it--New York New York.' I'm a city girl."

-- Brenda Teruel

"To become a pharmacist, get married, and have two kids: a boy first, named Sean or Elliot; and then a girl, named Faith or Joyce."

-- Emily Park

"I'm going to be a super soccer mom with four children, a wonderful husband, and a white picket fence."

-- Carolyn Zich

"I want to go into advertising, find new ways, change the world."

-- Sam Rosen

Far Above: The football team should've had tryouts. Look at this player; he can't even catch!
Above: Kristina Govostis and Jacqueline Collens wear grass skirts and leis on Hawaiian Day. Spirit Week was full of theme days such as Tourist Day, Nerd Day, Pajama Day, and Red & White Day.

Left: David Van Roeyen-Warda and Aaron Kahn play the drums with painted faces to show their school spirit during the Homecoming parade.
Above: "I can't see!" Maybe if Eric Shine put the glasses on his eyes he'd be able to see.

Jonathan Hester

Kim Ho

Heather Hohs

Michael Holmes

Stephanie Holub

Lenny Hong

Betti Horowitz

Muna Hussain

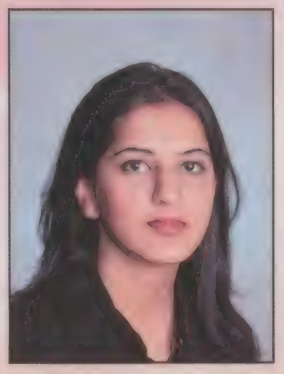
Ruqia Hussaini

Stevie Ideno

Lorraine Ishida

Rezai Islam

Ilda Ivanovic



Qamer Jabeen

Nicholas Jacobucci

Nina Jando

Kerry Janesku

Steven Janossy

Devin Jaremus

Andrew Jatico

Nicole Jeans

Lu Jin

Ashley Johnson

Heather Johnson

Cheryl Kachka

Aaron Kahn

Dino Kalabogias

Nadia Kamal

John Kanappilly

Craig Kaneshiro

Helen Kang

Irene Kangadis

Elizabeth Karachun

Daniel Karagiannis

Aby Karottu

Mitchell Kato

Kelly Keller

Thomas Kestler

Aminur Khan

Azra Khan

Farah Khan

Safdar Khan

Yuliya Khaninayeva

Babylonia Khoshaba

Da Kim

Elizabeth Kim

Eun Ah Kim

So Yeon Kim

Theresa Kim

Jennifer Klein

Jeremy Klein

Dina Knorr

Joyce Ko

Krista Koenig

Leonid Kogan

Rita Koganzon

Frieda Kolas

Adil Kolovis

Jason Komosa

George Kontos

Brian Koob

David Kopf

Daniel Kosiba

Chris Kostogiannes

Nicole Kouzoukas

Olivia Kovac

Renata Kovelman

Catherine Kowalczyk

Karolina Kowalczyk

Patricia Kowalska

Mark Krier

Katie Kriticos

Renee Krolczyk

Robert Krolczyk

Benjamin Krop

Michael Krpan

Paul Kuk

Lincy Kunnacherril

Alisa Kusolvisitk

Stephannie Kwon

Dennis Lai

Anthony Lamarz

Charles Lambropoulos

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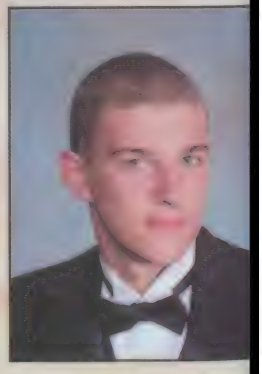
Jennifer Lee

Samuel Lee

Mollie Levison



Andrew Lewallen

What is your most embarrassing moment?

"The first day of freshman year, I went to the wrong math class with seniors and I stayed there for 15 minutes when the teacher told me I was in the wrong class all this time."

-- Anonymous

"Too many."

-- Ricky Costabile

"The time a friend pulled my pants down while I was holding my lunch. I had to walk to my seat with my pants down."

-- Aaron Bendel

"My sophomore year, I chased a friend towards the main office and tripped and slid right into the door of the principal."

-- Kellien Conklin

"When I lost control in the parking lot and hit three teachers' cars by accident."

-- Anonymous

"Forgetting the words to a song on stage in front of 1,500 junior high students."

-- Diego Colon

"My freshman year I ate lunch at the table next to the seniors. I had my tray half off the table and accidentally hit the tray and it flipped all over me. I had to run to the bathroom drenched with milk. Thankfully, the seniors didn't notice."

-- Mehnaaz Ahmed

"Sophomore year at the spring assembly, I was on varsity basketball and announced first. In front of the whole school, they announced me as 'Mango'."

-- George Kontos

Far Above: It's the Leaning Tower of Beeta! Here Beeta Azarnoosh tries desperately to give a smile while balancing Heather Hohs. "Chrissy, I could use some help here!"
Above: Gaurang Patel makes his purchase in the new cafeteria. Twix, it's all in the mix!

Left: Lifeguards or posers? Monica Dabul, Kelley Stein, Michelle Rosienski, and Corinne O'Reilly sit atop a lifeguard chair. These are the Baywatch rejects!
Above: Syed Ahmed grills hot dogs at a taligating party. Tailgating parties were a new tradition this year during the football season.

Teresa Lim

Atena Lodhi

Peter Lucas

Alison Lueder

Julia Macholl

Dale Mackey

Emily Maggi

Dimas Magundayao

Jose Magundayao

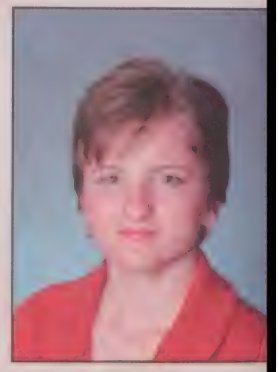
Pablo Magundayao

Jeffery Maher

Patrick Malartsik

Christina Mandou

Christopher Mariano



Bianca Marinca

Frank Marino

Tena Maroor

M.Ellinore Marquez

Amal Masad

Chelsea Mathis

Todd Matten

Joseph May

Brendan McKenna

Jennifer McKinney

Brian Melamed

Roberto Mendoza

Lisa Miszczyszyn

Naomi Miyake

Anna Mkrtchian

Mohammad Mohiuddin

Jean Mok

Goran Momirovic

Christine Moran

David Moreno

Felipe Moreno

Steve Mourtokokis

Jonathan Naka

Amanda Napravnik

William Nash

Corina Nasui

Elizabeth Nateras

Chloe Neims

Christopher Neitlich

Justin Ng

Lester Niedzielski

Jasmine Nieves

Andrei Nikolov

Jacob Ninan

Manuel Nodarse

Far Right: Hungry? Why wait? Mohammed Bozai can't. Here he eats a Choco-Taco, which was one of the additions to our tasty lunch menu.
Right: Lenny Hong and Emily Park stand in front of The Sphinxes at the Luxor in Las Vegas. Not only are the Sphinxes statues, they are also decorative water fountains.

Amanda Nunez

Corinne O'Reilly

Enis Omeralovic

Gabriela Onciu

John Ostrowski

Eileen Ouska

Rendell Padilla

Avrelia Palivos

Ivaylo Panayotov

Joaquin Pando

Ak Paramadilok

Rachel Parikh

Emily Park

Ji Park

John Park

Far Left: Midnight riding? or midnight shopping? I think these girls are up to something. Christine DePaolis and Jane Goldshteyn take a ride to toilet paper town.
Left: Joshua Phillips and Gorilla Man pose for a picture downtown. This gorilla was out wandering in the city promoting the opening of a new gym.

Amisha Patel

Anush Patel

Gaurang Patel

Kejal Patel

Nisha Patel

Snehal Patel

Casander Jerome Pecson

Jeffrey Pelletier

Diana Perez

Long Pham

Anup Philip

Renee Phillippose

Joshua Phillips

Nicholas Pizzolato

Maria Politis

Mallory Portnoy

Jennifer Pukhovich

Roman Queyquep

Sahar Rahim

James Ralph

Eddie Rayan

Michael Rayan

Amanda Reed

Kelly Reed

Abigail Reiss

Jose Paolo Reyes

Jordan Rice

Ben Ritter

Melissa Roberts

Michelle Roberts

Myrill Grace Rodriguez

Vanesa Roimicher

Andrea Roiniotis

Sam Rosen

Michelle Rosienski

Robert Ruber

Lena Rubins

Hannah Rutzen

Stephanie Sacha

Brad Sacher

Craig Sadur

Sharon Saini

Suneeth Samuel

Alexander Sanchez

Edgar Sanchez

Brian Sandalow

Brianne Sander

Dimitrios Sarivasilis

Jessica Scharaga

Emily Scheler

Katherine Schmid

Kevin Schmidt

Hetal Shah

Karina Shah

Maulin Shah

Rajan Shah

Nida Shakir

Pooja Sharma

Fyeqa Sheikh

I-Ting Shih

Eric Shine

Jawwad Siddiqui

Meher Siddiqui

Omar Sidiqian

Erin Smolinski

Victor So

Jennifer Sobel

Paul Souferis

Laura Spiro

Jason Spitzer

Katherine Stachowicz

Kelley Stein

Kathryn Stock

Stephen Stone

Timothy Strauch

Stefanija Sucic

Justina Suh

Aron Sullivan

Farhan Tariq

Erica Tejada

Brenda Teruel

Julie Theefs

Bill Toliopoulos

Right: David Kopf cradles his dog Dodger. "Woof, put me down!"
Far Right: Jane Goldshteyn can't decide which hot chocolate to drink. Instead of choosing one, she decides to drink them both!

Michael Tomoleoni

Caroline Topolinski

Eleni Toumplis

Richard Turk

Daniel Uhle

Kristin Ungar

Lubna Usmani

Sandra Valdez

David Van Roeyen-Ward

Nicole Vasquez

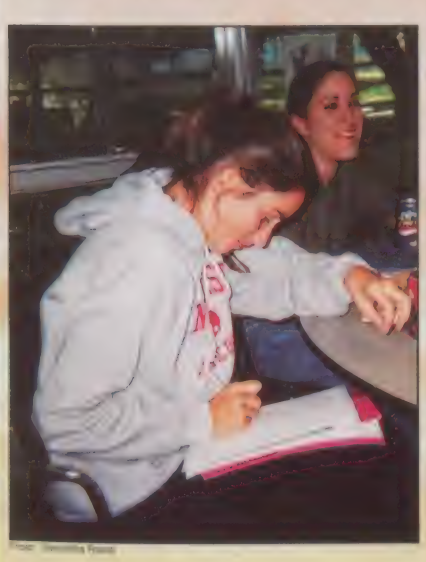
Michael Verissimo

Anthony Vigneri

Blase Villano

Jennifer Villanueva

Barbara Vo



Jasna Vojcic

Matt Volkov

Far Left: I hope we are not witnessing academic dishonesty. No, Brianne Sander is just finishing her homework.
Left: Nina Jando tries desperately hard to stay awake during College Prep. In class essays are some of the most boring things you will do, juniors, so beware!

Danny Vu

Triva Wadie

Jarrett Wagner

Margaret Wattenbarger

Christopher Wegner

Heather Welch

Bryan Wickert

Kimberly Widdes

Bret Williams

Jamie Willis

Charles Wong

Daniel Wonsover

Arshad Yaqoob

Kashif Yousuf

Dexter Adam Yu

Alex Zabezhinskiy

Rebecca Zavelovich

Carolyn Zich

Michael Zonis

Janneth Zumarraga

The dating game: Lots of dates... lots of ????

Over four years, most seniors manage to have a pretty extensive dating record. Here are some of their unforgettable experiences:

"On a date, I accidentally spilled pop on the waitress."
-- John Ostrowski

"Watching 'My Big Fat Greek Wedding' on my first date with my girlfriend."
-- Nicholas Cosmos

"I will never forget going downtown to the beach with my girlfriend and then staying to see the sun come up."
-- Anonymous

"I got two tickets while I was driving my date home."
-- Daniel Karagiannis

"My guy took me to the Bahai Temple and we spent the rest of the day walking around choosing our dream home."
-- Anna Sinclair-Georges

"Every time I told a joke, my ex-girlfriend would say, 'Bret, stop embarrassing me!'"
-- Bret Williams

"I didn't date during high school."
-- Kyle O'Laughlin

Far Above: Betti Horowitz sips on her java to try to stay awake for class. This is a popular beverage amongst students who wake up and smell the coffee.
Above: Stephanie Sacha makes use of her time checking her e-mail in the IRC. During free time, many students resort to the IRC for a quiet place to study and finish homework.

Left: Daniel Karagiannis and Enis Omeralovic grab their books before class. "Hey Enis, let's see if we can fit you in the locker!"
Above: If you don't like sitting in the cafe during lunch, there are other options. Christopher Dronganis and Kirill Ostapenko make use of the benches near the Hall of Honor.

Left: "Woof!" Rami Ghattas, Jazz, and Michael Fazelian have trouble teaching this old dog new tricks.
Above: Michael Holmes releases his aggression for the first annual car smash sponsored by Autos.

Seniors' Rules of the School

"Work hard to achieve what you want because in the end, you will be successful."

-- Karen Usmani

"Make the most of it because afterwards, you really have to grow up fast."

-- Lena Rubins

"Challenge yourself; it will pay off in the future."

-- Blance Evangelista

"Bring lunches from home."

-- Darek Bacal

"Have no regrets."

-- James Drachenberg

"Live it up."

-- Sharon Saini

"Beware of the cops!"

-- Suleman Umar

"Be who you are, not who people expect you to be."

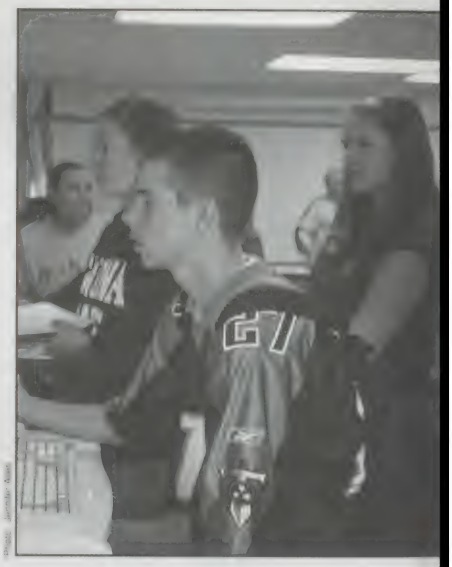
-- Anna Chmielewska

"Don't overburden yourself. 'Everything in moderation.'"

-- Mollie Levison

"Don't worry about the little things; you'll look back and be mad that you even gave the situation the time of day."

-- Heather Johnson



What is your best memory at Niles West?

"Going to football games. Even though it was so cold outside, it is still so much fun going and huddling with all your friends to keep warm."

-- Anna Chaiken

"Seeing a previous student nail a friend in the head with a volleyball at a pep assembly."

-- Tyler Heidtke

"Freshman year with Mr. Flynn. He flicked us off because we made fun of him for wearing the same purple sweater and calling him 'Barney.'"

-- Christine Carnate

"Watching Chacko "shake it" on stage."

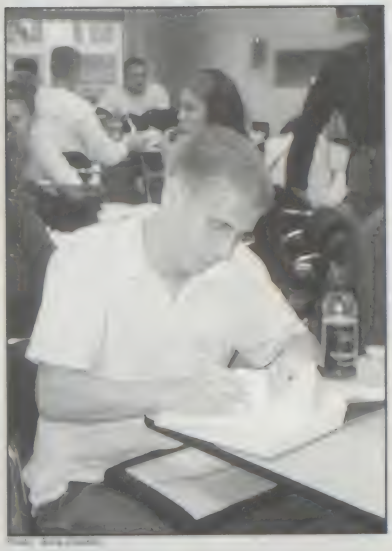
-- Bradley Sacher

"Making friends with the varsity football players and cheerleaders as a freshman."

-- Kyle O'Laughlin

"The Maine West football game. It was the first time everyone really came together and cheered on the team. Plus, we actually won."

-- Jamie Willis



Far Above: Lester Niedzielski hurries to finish his math homework before the bells ring. Above: Errol Rice, Gabriel Clarito, Jose Reyes, Brian Serrano, Andrew Jatico, and Jerome Pecson hang out during the fireworks show to celebrate the 4th of July.

Left: Lorraine Ishida, Alisa Kusolvisitkul, and Catherine Kowalczyk pose for a picture after running all the way to Mt. Horeb. Above: Kathryn Barquez, Jeffrey Pelletier, Jennifer Fortman, Jacqueline Collens, Jennifer Figueroa, and Jasna Vojcic take a break from studying, or should I say gossiping, to say, "CHEESE!"

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3rd Rock from the Sun

Paul Agignoae
Ryan Jay Agustin
Chaudhry Ahmad
Christina Ahn
Sabbir Ahsanullah
Joseph Aivaz

Nabil Alam
Nicole Amsberry
Eunice An
Jason Ang
Junhyun Bae
Monika Bak

Eddie Bakus
Michael Banchoencharoensuk
Christopher Bangit
Eli Barba
Alan Barsky
Ashley Barys

Above Left: Cynthia Delgado, Lopa Pandya, Djurdjina Davidovic, and Lia Kasios celebrate a birthday party at a hotel over the summer. But why aren't these girls in the pool?
Above Right: Rachel Waddick is hard at work during class, writing captions for the yearbook.
Right: What a Hawaiian night! Lauren Pantazis, Monica Castillo, Michael Pantazis, Laura Phillips, and Samantha Rosati all look ready to dance the night away in their homecoming formal wear.

Left: Walter Mendenhall works hard in practice to prepare for the weekly football games. This year the Wolves made it to the playoffs with a final record of seven and three.
Below: Look at those bags! Christina Miceli and Sabrina Madrigal show off their identical denim purses.

Michael Batko
Adair Bayatpour
Heather Benson
Steven Berkley
Ellen Berzack
Vlad Bezuyevskiy

Megan Bieschke
Jennifer Boka
Chris Bostetter
Elena Boyarsky
Ryan Brkljacic
Ina Buric

Spacey Ann Cabrera
Gabriel Candea
Danny Carnow
Larisa Caruceriu
Jennifer Casey
Monica Castillo

Angela Categuista
Kari Chaiken
Willa Chan
Julie Chang
Sharon Chang
Chanita Chayaluk

Chelsea Cher
Carolyn Chermel
Thomas Chin
Roger Chiu
Bowen Chow
Nicholas Chuh

Brandon Corday
George Dankha
Djurdjina Davidovic
Marc Davidson
Melanie Davis
Celeste Del Mundo

Nathan Diaz
Elena Dimoulis
Peter Dinges
Debra Diryawish
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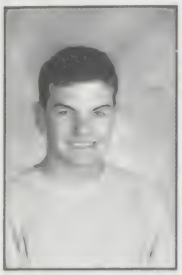

Nik Emerson
Robert Filip
Erin Finnicum
Matthew Flink
Carla Flores
Jesse Footlik

Left: After a hard day at school, this group of girls is just chillin' at home.
Above: Knock...aim...shoot...bull's eye! Jenny Natkin displays her talent in archery during her P.E. Leaders' class. These students assist P.E. teachers with their classes.

Below: Yum yum! Sandra Israel eats a delicious looking pizza in German class. Good luck saying "Guten Tag" with your mouth full.
Right: Ily Barba and Alex Tejada have smiles full of mischief. These boys are always up to something.

Jessica Frank
Laurence Frank
Daniel Freifeld
Naomi Frydman
Joey Galambos
Andre Garcia

Kevin Garstki
Jacob-Lionel Gecht
Beth Gelfand
Marina Georgopoulos
Jason Gilley
Jorie Glassner

Isak Goldman
Othon Gomez
Karlene Gordula
Erik Granlund
Daniel Griffin
Benjamin Grover

Edgar Guerrero
Dena-Marie Guminiak
Ethan Halevi
Ioanna Halkias
Kelly Hanaoka
Lee Handler

Left: Elena Dimoulis and John Cornici look devilish as they pose for this picture.
Below: If your car breaks down you can always depend on these "mechanics" to help you. Autos class have taught these students tons about fixing cars.

What is your favorite TV show? Why?

"'The Simpsons' because it is hilarious, and it is not afraid to poke fun at trifles that everyone else makes a big deal out of."

-- Patrick Milott

"'The Simpsons' because even though there is a lot of crazy stuff in it, there is always something that you can relate to."

-- Loreen Targos

"'Friends' because it is really fun and exciting every time that it is on."

-- Ina Buric

"'Friends' because it has been on for seven years. It is a show everyone knows, and everyone has loved it from the beginning."

-- Rachel Tarnoff

"'Friends' is definitely my favorite TV show. The characters are awesome, and the situations that they get themselves into are situations that many people, if not everybody, can relate to."

-- Joanna Zajac

Juniors' Top Five Favorite TV shows...

'Friends'	40%
'The Simpsons'	35%
'Smallville'	10%
'The Real World'	10%
Other	5%

Megan Hayes
Molly Heineman
Hermiz Hermiz
Stephanie Hernandez
Bogdan Horopciuc
Flavius Horopciuc

Raluca Horopciuc
Junaid Hussain
Mohammed Hussain
Bonnie Hutchinson
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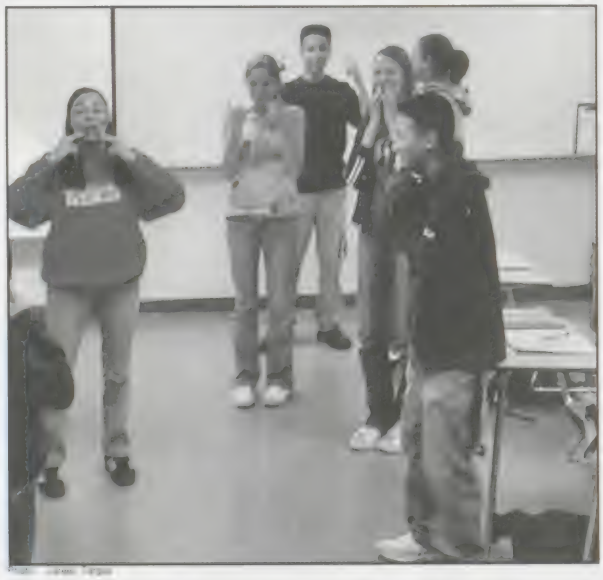


Above: Third year German is the place to be when Frau Jacobs is the teacher! This class practices their vocal skills by singing about their "heads, shoulders, knees, and toes."

Right: What year is it? 1776? No it's 2003! Kimberly Edwardson and Jessica Patera get dressed up to make a video for a history project.

Andrew Johnson
Harry Kakaletris
Jodi Kane
Noureen Kapadia
Lia Kasios
Tony Kavukattu

Sadaf Khan
Edward Kim
Grace Kim
Joan Kim
Nicole Klemens
Ingrid Kocjan

Tiffany Kong
Patrick Kough
Garret Kozlowski
Valerie Krynski
Damian Kulikowski
Anne Lamanna

Below: Christina Sidiropoulos and Ioanna Halkias happily stroll back into the halls of Niles West after a long summer break. Well refreshed, these two girls walk to class, ready for another year.
Right: Here Emily Spyratos and Danielle Willer show their school spirit by wearing their Wolves football shirts. For every home game, a new shirt was sold.

Christopher Lamarz
Sam Lane
Nicole Large
Jessica Laub
Juan Lazo
Laura Lee

Stephanie(Eun Sii) Lee
Nicholas Leevathana
James Leventis
Cezar Leynes
Carli Liberti
Vjoica Lika

Michael Lim
Michael Lindahl
Michael Long
Steve Loskutov
Adrian Lovera
Daniel Macsai

Amy Madhiwala
Carli Magel
Jeffrey Makoutz
Roy Tidi Amini Mallari
Joseph Marchisotta
Michael Margolis

Andrea Markewych
Philip Martin
Matthew Massoth
Gregory Mercer
Samantha Meron
Suzanne Meyerowitz

Kristina Miceli
George Michael
Patrick Milott
Scott Mita
Monique Murphy
Mustafa Musawwir

Above Left: Malli Castro, Sarah Trilling, and Misako Rivera celebrate the end of the track season.
Above Right: Study, study, study! Anne LeManna goes to the IRC during her break to crack open the books.
Left: Smile! Stephanie Persaud, Sandra Israel, Sarah Siddiqui, and Loreen Targos take a quick break from dancing to pose for a picture.

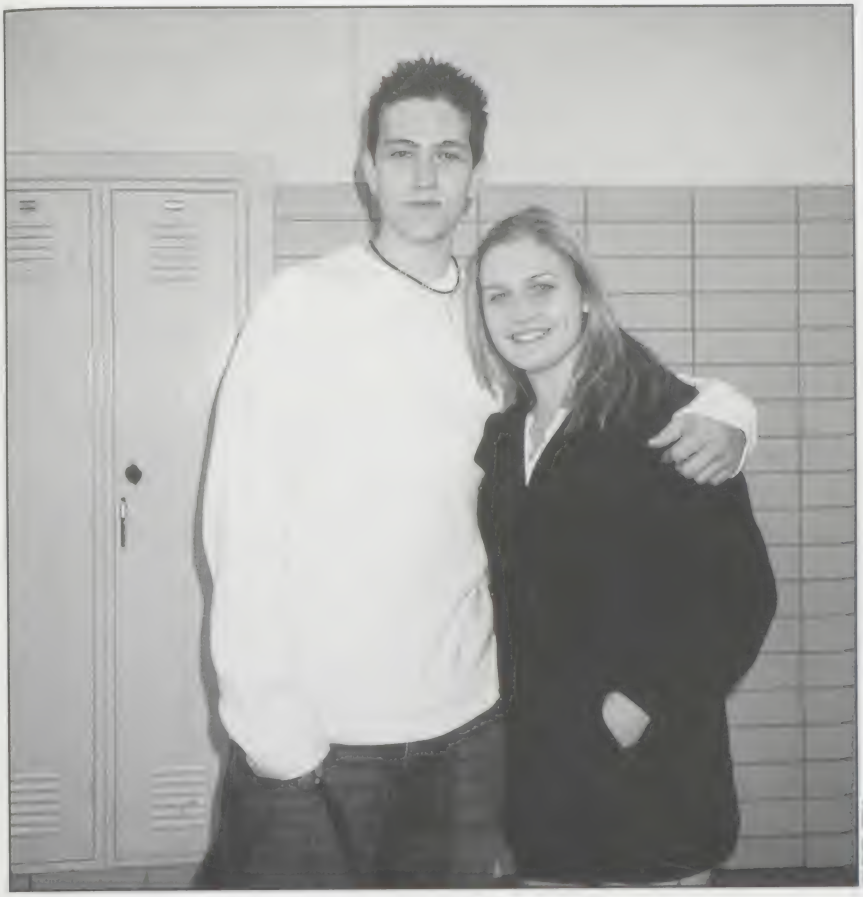
Below: Say cheese! Jessica Stoneberg, Anne LeManna, Malli Castro, Daniel Mascai, Amy Madhiwala, and Michael Lim all take a break from eating to smile wide for the picture.
Right: Faraz Chaudry shows off his locker filled top to bottom with car pictures. Many students decorate their lockers, but how many have enough hair products in there to open a miniature salon?

Jennifer Natkin
Joseph Nelson
Renee Nowak
Susan Nowak
Mark Nowakowski
Sarah Oline

Nicolette Pajda
Lauren Pantazis
Michael Pantazis
Joshua Park
Rumana Parveen
Kunal Patel

Jessica Patera
Allison Peck
Geneveve Perada
Jorge Perez
Stephanie Persaud
Lauren Perzov

Nicholas Petrakis
Elena Petrova
Laura Phillips
Ashley Polikoff
Jessica Pravnik
Kaitlynn Radtke



Left: Aren't they adorable? Amar Smajlovic and Mariana Stimac are hugging in the hall.
Below: Five minutes may seem like a long time to get to class, but not when a trip to a locker is needed! Molly Heineman keeps her eye on the time as she gets her books ready for her next class.

If there was a TV show made about Niles West, what would you call it?

"I'd call it 'Life of a High School Student.' If there was a theme song to this show, then it would definitely have to be the theme song from 'Mission Impossible.'"

-- Jessica Stoneberg

"I would call it 'The Niles West Virus.' Like the West Nile Virus...get it?"

-- Carolyn Chermel

"I don't know what I would name the show if it was about Niles West, but I do know that it probably wouldn't get good ratings at all."

--Ajitha Kaimal

"I would call it 'Niles West High School: A Day in the Life of an American Teen.' I mean, seriously, what else can you say about Niles West?"

-- Rachel Waddick

The amount of TV Juniors watch a day...

Over 2 hours	20%
1-2 hours	20%
30 minutes to an hour	64%
Less than 30 minutes	5%

Jessica Rainey
Marc Ramos
Beth Rheinstrom
Misako Rivera
Christopher Rizzo
Sarah Rodeghero

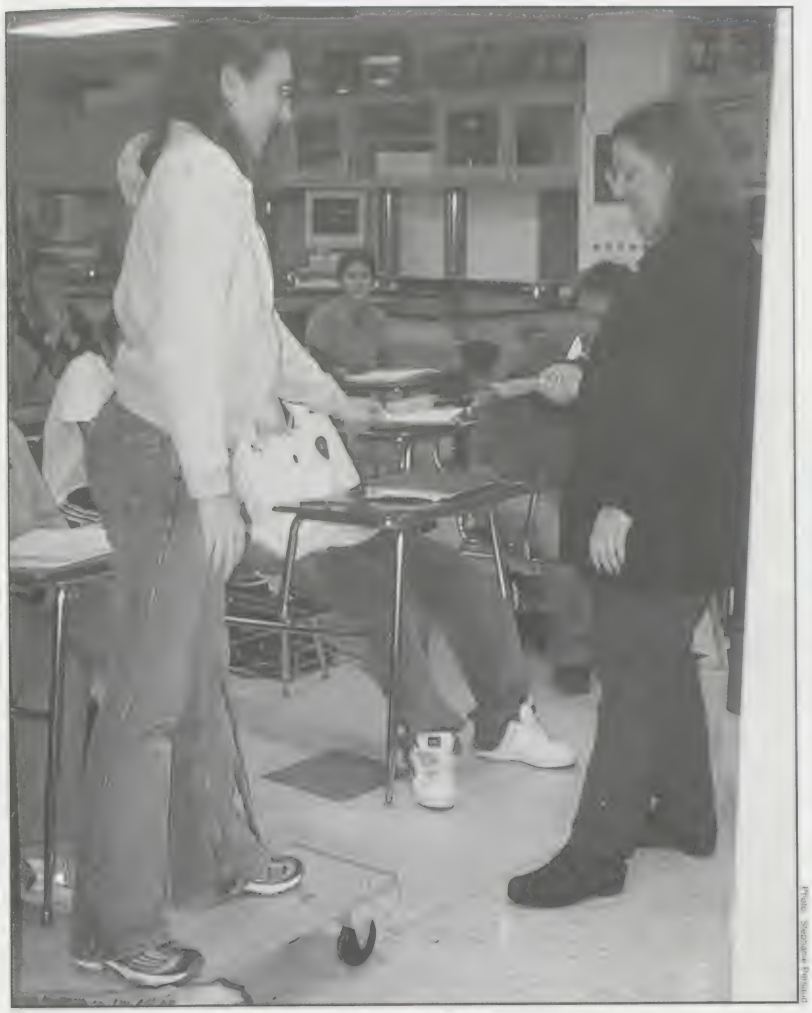
Tina Rodvong
Claire Rogoski
Kristina Roman
Anastasia Romaschenko
Jarrett Room
Alejandra Rosas

Samantha Rosati
Daniel Rose
Michael Rosin
Brian Ross
Edward Rouzin-Moy
Blair Rudd

Above Left: Taking advantage of the new cell phone rules, Sabrina Madrigal quickly gossips with a friend on the way to a field trip.

Above Right: To these girls, it is not all about the Benjamins. Carolyn Chermel, Monique Murphy, and Beth Gelfand relish their wealth as they play Monopoly. Too bad the money isn't real.

Right: After the poms banquet, these girls quickly share a group hug. These girls had mixed feelings as they took this picture.



Left: Jori Glassner is demonstrating one of the laws of Newton. A "student" in motion stays in motion! Luckily Ms. Lietz is there to serve as an opposite force.
Below: Anne Lemanna and Malli Castro are happily enjoying their lunch together, but why is Anne pointing to herself?

Linda Rusak
Jason Sachs
Junior Salaksana
Omar Salem
Emily Saltz
Becky Sanderman

Stephanie Sanders
Dania Saro
Sfetlana Saro
Nathan Scherwinski
Katherine Schuller
Amanda Schwartz

Majidah Shafiq
Alok Shah
Michael Shedroff
Brett Sher
Sarah Sherry
Sheraz Siddiqui

Right: In the halls before school, Lauren Pantazis and Laura Phillips exchange notes as they head off to homeroom.
Below: "Wow, this new cafeteria food is good!" Or at least this is what we think is going through Lauren Perzov's mind as she scarfs down this piece of pizza.

Brandon Siena
Lauren Silverman
Michelle Siroko
Jacqueline Snowsky
Danny Solovastru
David Solovastru

Bill Souferis
Andrew Springfield
Monica Stankiewicz
Jennifer Stoker
Marissa Strassberger
Laura Strum

Brian Sumague
Melissa Suran
Jacqueline Szymczak
Loreen Targos
Rachel Tarnoff
Nick Tarzian

Alex Tejeda
David Terdich
Louie Theodorakakis
Stephen Thomas
Aimee Toren
Matthew Torres

Kristina Tracey
Andrew Trettin
Sarah Trilling
Laura Vanderbosch
Jimmy Varghese
Julia Varsamis

Renee Vassiliou
Eric Vecchione
Rachel Waddick
Tania Wartanian
Rachel West
Daka Wiedeman

Rhiannon Wilk
Danielle Willer
Cindy Wisniewski
Eric Wolinetz
Brittany Wu
Joanna Zajac

Carlos Zarate

Left: With full stomachs, these couples pose for a picture. They went downtown for dinner after the homecoming dance.
Below: Mustafa Alam watches as Bowen Chow gets a "tattoo" from the skilled hands of Elena Boyarsky.

SOPHOMORES

Photo:

Photo: Courtesy of Anais Barraud

Photo: Courtesy of Pamela Wilcox

Photo: Virginia Palmer

Photo: Virginia Palmer

Step by Step

Rachel Abrams
Zubair Adil
Lori Adler
Benjamin Afante
Mihai Agignoae
Fayyaz Ahmad

Melissa Alleguez
Kyriakos Anastasiadis
Hollis Anderson
Jessica Anderson
Emilia Antezana
Martin Arago

Michael Ardashnikov
Christopher Arends
Emmanuel Arredondo
Terri Atienza
Danny Baba
Caroline Baffes

Matthew Bandemer
Paul Barbato
Julie Barker
Justine Barquez
Anais Barraud
Edna Barraza

Right: Jonathan Diaz "busts a move" during his free mods. Breakdancing requires a great deal of balance. You try spinning on one hand!

Above: Syema Sheikh and Maham Lodhi converse at their locker as they pack up their belongings before heading home.

Left: Dmitriy Pikovskiy gets help from Ms. Jody Weatherington with his English homework. What's the answer to Number 1?
Below: Alyssa Zeller concentrates hard on her homework. The Oakton Lobby and hallways are good places to sit back, relax, and finish homework before the next class.

Amy Bartlett
Alicia Bartz
Cheryl Bathan
Junelle Bennett
Naomi Blevins
Phillip Bloom

Kathleen Bolano
Anne Borkowski
Maryam Bozai
Phillip Breckler
Elizabeth Brodsky
Kevin Brown

Sultan Budhwani
Adeline Bujdei
Maria Bura
Julian Cagadas
Michael Carag
Chloe Castro

Lester Chan
Salima Charania
Margo Chervony
Johnny Chiang
Jason Chiu
David Choi

Right: Eminem or Avril Lavigne? Laura Pisula can't decide which CD to buy.
Below: Watch out, Dave Matthews; here come Yoo Soo Kim and Joseph Lee. Stay tuned--they'll be on the next "Making of the Band."

Photo: Courtesy of Christine Fox

Michael Chon
Bradley Cohn
Michael Cormalleth
Elizabeth Cortez
Tania Cortez
Erica Cotton

Michael Craig
Michael Croon
Christina Crowley
Robina Cyriac
Jenny Dabul
Elie Daher

Zeeshan Dhanani
Ioanna Dimoulis
George Dinonlas
Marko Djordjevic
Ivan Djurovic
William Dluger

Greg Dorband
Dimitra Drosos
Melissa Drouganis
Laura Dugan-Levinson
Anna Dvorkin
Stephen Dykla

Christina Earle
Gregory Eastman
Angelica Echon
Jennifer Eramia
Mark Eres
William Ernst

Arnold Estanda
Joanna Evangelista
Caroline Fernandez
Kristen Fleming
Richard Foerch
Benjamin Fox

Christie Fox
Tesh Frackiewicz
Matthew Fritzshall
Julie Fry
Deo Jeffrey Gabriel
Azim Gandhi

Christine Gaode
Bianca Garneata
Heather Garrity
Bryan Gartner
Timothy Gates
Evdoxia Georgakopoulos

Photo: Virginia Palmer

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Far Left: Decisions, decisions! Tim O'Reilly needs Bryan Gartner's help to decide which flavor of Powerade to pick.
Left: Heather Harmstron and Chloe Castro do a victory dance for the JV Pom Squad after winning a spirit stick at Poms Camp.
Above: "Pick me! Pick me!" Anneliese Opfer screams, "I want to be on your team!"

Emily Gevrekis
Gust Gianos
Diamanto Gikas
Boris Goetz
Daniel Goldfein
Adam Gomberg

Todd Gomberg
Martin Gould
Hailey Granatelli
Biljana Grbevska
Jeffrey Greenwood
Teresa Guerrero

Steven Gullen
Faraz Haque
Seth Haro
Khrista Harris
Sophia Harris
Kaitlin Hartnett

Patrick Hastings
Jennifer Hedstrom
Michael Heller
Ana Hernandez
Tyler Higuera
Judy Ho

Matt Hohs
Amber Huma
Fouzan Hussain
Salman Hussain
David Huzieran
Sandra Imseeh

Left: Christie Fox, Jennifer Hedstrom, Lia Lehrer, Jean Klos, Anneliese Opfer, Natasha Murashev, Virginia Palmer, Kathleen Bolano, Yvonne Palmer, and Priyanka Kalapurayil build a human pyramid. These girls really know how to put their heads together.
Below: Ivan Djurovic, Daniel Merikas, and Jeffrey Theefs take a break during autos for a quick picture. Somehow I don't think I'd let them work on my car.

"Lose yourself in the music..." of your favorite song...

"'Hey Baby' by Gwen Stefani because it is upbeat, fun to sing to and makes me want to dance."
-- Alyssa Zeller

"'Ziggy Stardust' by David Bowie because it has really awesome lyrics, music and guitar. Not to mention that David Bowie is unearthly and amazing. This is song is one of his best."
-- Margo Chervony

"'Remember Me' by Hoobastank because the song rocks and the base player is cute."
-- Katie Yee

"Any Beatles song because they are such a great band. The music is great and the lyrics are perfect."
-- Lia Lehrer

"'Anything but Ordinary' by Avril Lavigne because it values everyone's individuality. It tells you not to be afraid of being yourself."
-- Emilia Antezana

"'2 Legit 2 Quit' by MC Hammer because when life keeps 'dissing' you, you gotta get back up and prove that you can fight."
-- David Huzieran

Mary Isho
Zeenat Ismail
Eleanor Itzkow
Natalie Jacobucci
Dana Jaremus
Christopher Johnson

David Johnson
Sherine Kalappurayil
Priyanka Kalapurayil
Lev Kalmens
Sandeep Kanda
James Kane

Brad Karlin
Ashley Kennedy
Omar Khan
Sanila Khan
Sayeeda Khan
Lisa Khoshaba

Miles Kilgallon
Gene Kim
James Kim
Yoosoo Kim
Kristopher Kinslow
Adina Klein

Right: It was not hard for Alice Hong and Anais Barraud to show off their trophy after winning 1st Place at Poms Camp.
Above: Want to join the homework club? Go see Matthew Schaab, Zachary Zuckerman, Lauren Wegner and Ashley Kennedy mods 14-16.

Photo: Courtesy of Anais Barraud

Left: "Driving along in my automobile... with my friends beside me at the wheel..." Theresa Persaud and Laura Pisula take a quick picture before taking a drive.
Below: Sophia Harris assists Ioanna Dimoulis with her science homework. Biology can be very tricky.

Marc Klein
Jean Klos
Jessica Kluss
Jonathon Kollath
Brett Kopf
Laura Kopinski

Matthew Korajczyk
Derek Korzun
Kim Kotsovos
Borjan Kovacevic
Timothy Kreusch
Jonathan Kurinsky

Lois Kwon
Sabrina Lakhani
Shehzad Lakhani
Sarah Lamanna
Amanda Lasher
Christopher Lee

Grace Lee
Joan Lee
Lia Lehrer
Lindsey Lerner
Molly Levine
Christopher Lewallen

Right: Daniel Goldfein, Lee Cohn, and Joanna Evangelista roast marshmallows over the fire. Is this a camping trip or chemistry class?
Below: Wow, these boys must be exhausted from school. Ryan Anantaphong and Elliot Sang take naps to relieve their exhaustion.

Senada Lika
Linda Lim
Jack Littwin
Sarah Lockwood
Maham Lodhi
Sandy Machugin

Thomas Maddex
April Maecelo
Brad Maggi
Violet Magiera
Max Maksimovic
Maura Malartsik

Andrew Mallorca
Kathleen Malooly
Mark Mangoba
Milan Marjanovic
Alan Martinez
Ian Masterton

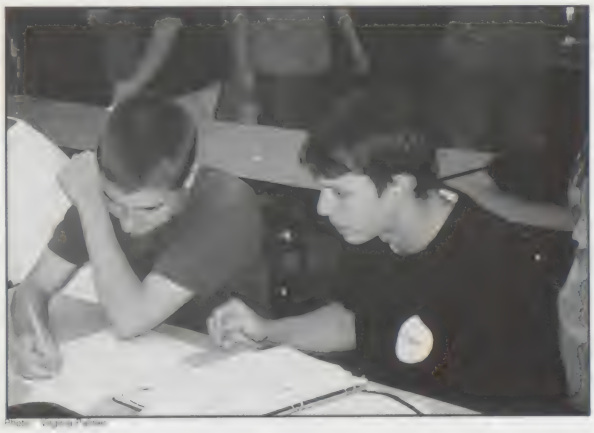
Samantha Mathis
Christine May
Melissa Mazur
Brianna McCabe
Christopher McKinney
Ryan McMahon

Nick Meccia
Eric Meiri
Andrey Melikhou
Daniel Merikas
Robert Metellus
Catherine Millan

Kristin Miller
Raymond Mok
Jonathan Morais
Bilal Mujtaba
Murtaza Musawwir
Sandor Nagyivan

Nicole Nejati
Nicole Nelson
Samantha Nelson
Marcin Niedzielski
Sean Nilapant
Robert Nowocin

Monica Nunez
Karalyn O'Brien
Tim O'Reilly
Sead Odzic
Daniela Ojeda
Michael Olsen



Far Left: Who is that underneath all that chocolate cake? It's Jean Klos. Happy Birthday!
Left: "Oh my gosh, did you see that kid who dressed up as a nerd? He looked so funny!" exclaims Virginia Palmer to Christie Fox. I wouldn't be talking, girls.
Above: Christopher Bander and Scott Sandalow use their time wisely to study in the cafe. Or at least Bander wants to study... Sandalow just wants the answers.

Sean Omar
Anneliese Opfer
Gillian Ouska
Chantelle Padilla
Emmanuel Palma
Virginia Palmer

Yvonne Palmer
Anita Panjwani
Heather Pappas
Sang Chai (Sam) Park
Chandni Patel
Gargi Patel

Joel Patel
Tarpan Patel
Salma Pathan
Abbigale Pazik
Kemal Pekovic
Brian Perez

Patrick Perez
Kara Perlen
Sarah Perlmuter
Theresa Persaud
Malori Peters
David Petrovic

Photo: Courtesy of Virginia Palmer

Right: Sprite... it does a body good. Kathleen Bolano, Priyanka Kalapurayil, Yvonne Palmer and Virginia Palmer always need that refreshing drink at their sleepovers.
Above: These students work together to finish an in-class assignment. Better hurry up, boys; time's running out.

Photo: Virginia Palmer

Left: Swati Patel, Chandni Patel, and Christie Fox enjoy a hearty lunch in the new cafeteria.
Below: The girls night out! Dana Jaremus, Theresa Persaud, Samantha Sander, and Kim Kotsovos eat at Barnaby's.

Photo: Courtesy of Andi Kimmel

What is the best part about not being a freshman anymore?

"You are able to chant, 'Go home, freshmen.'"

-- Ashley Kennedy

"Are you kidding me? I miss being a freshman. Life was so easy."

-- Grace Lee

"Being able to realize how annoying we were freshman year."

-- Sandy Machugin

"You don't get lost anymore."

-- Jessi Sanchez

"People don't look at me like I am a little boy. Instead, I look at freshmen like they are little boys."

-- Sean Omar

"One year closer to independence."

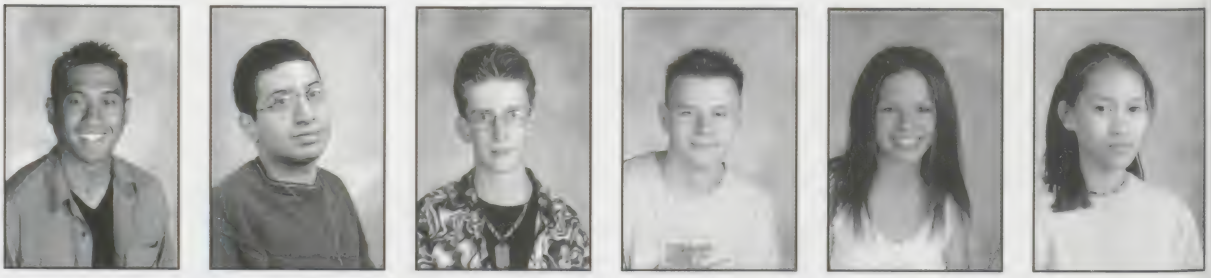
-- Julia Kapelnikova

Right: Write faster! A big thing that united the school this year was the 94.7 Zone contest to see which school could send in the most note cards with the "phrase that pays" on it. We didn't win, but thank you to Lily Stephens and Lindsey Lerner for helping out.
Below: Julie Shaw, Daniela Ojeda, and Joanna Evangelista stop between classes to get the gossip. Hurry up ladies, or you'll be late to your next class.

Dmitriy Pikovskiy
Lady Pimienta
Laura Pisula
Jessica Plaia
Nadia Popova
Alan Potekin

Ananth Prabhu
Marija Puljic
Christina Puric
Farheen Quraishi
Saad Qureshi
Usha Rajbhandari

Richard Ramos
Matthew Rayan
Douglas Roberts
Nick Roeder
Rebecca Roeder
Jeraline Mae Rosario



Daniel Rosenthal
Jordan Rothstein
Laura Rzewnicki
Kimberly Salaksana
David Salmonson
Samantha Sander

Samantha Sanders
Elliott Sang
Dean Santarinala
Nanci Saraceno
Claritess Sarangay
Matthew Schaab

Kenneth Schabow
Stephanie Scharaga
Katherine Schmidt
Laura Schoephoester
Jeremy Schwartz
Benjamin Shabad

Pavel Shchukin
Syema Sheikh
Aakruti Sheth
Tamara Shlyapintokh
Shan Siddique
Jordan Simon

Mariel Snyder
Tim Sojka
Elizabeth Solaka
Allison Solomon
Melvin Stanislaus
Hailee Sullivan

Photo: Viginia Palmer

Photo: Jenny Allen

Photo: Courtesy of Dean Santannala

Far Left: "My combination isn't working!" says Robina Cyriac as Sandy Machugin secretly laughs. Little does Cyriac know that she's at the wrong locker.
Left: Jessica Anderson proves to us that her ballet lessons are paying off. Dancing and eating at the same time is a skill only few have mastered.
Above: Dean Santarinala spends all his free time drawing. What a talented artist!

Margo Suzara
Michael Tabachnikov
Pavel Tabutov
Azam Tai
Diane Teng
Jeffrey Theefs

Anastasia Tirovolas
Panagiota Toliopoulos
Christopher Tomaras
Chris Toy
Elizabeth Trettin
Ronald Trinh

Georgia Tsiabas
Sin Ying Tsui
Marina Urosevic
Lindsey Vecchione
Luke Villano
Christopher Villaraza

Samira Virani
Darko Vlaskovic
Joseph Wattenbarger
Stephen Weidner
Elizabeth Welch
Lisa Wickert

Right: Jean Klos, Lia Lehrer, Sandy Machugin, Christie Fox, Jennifer Hedstrom, and Priyanka Kalapurayil are being blown away by ballons.

Bart Williams
Carolynn Witt
Karen Wolf
Emilee Wolinetz
Monica Yancy
Nathan Yarrow

Katie Yee
Alyssa Zeller
Shi Zhu
Michael Zima
Mladen Zivkovic
Zachary Zuckerman

Photo: Jenny Allen

Left: Friendships are essential in high school to get through those tough times. Here, Olivia Chuchro and Brenda Santiago smile for a picture.
Below: Robert Nowocin, Michael Heller, and Dmitriy Pikovskiy dream about ice cream as they take a snooze during class.

Photo: Jenny Allen

FRESHMEN

Photo: Courtesy of Jessie Guiang

Photo: Jenny Allen

Photo: Courtesy of Mark Auerbach

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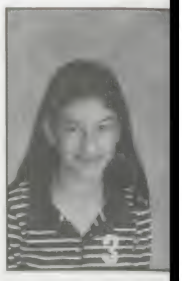
Rugrats

Demi Lynn Achivara
Hafsa Ahmad
Abiha Ahmed
Khadeer Ahmed
Nausheen Ahmed
Yasmeen Ahmed

Jimmy Ahn
Christopher Aler
Moorat Ali
Shermin Ali
Syeda Ali
Tara Ali



John Alvarado
Vladmir Andrejchuk
Costadina Aneziris
Steven Angarola
Stephanie Angeles
Raahat Ansari

Photo: Courtesy of Jackie King

Photo: Reena Ahmadzai

Right: Wishing they could act like angels and devils at the same time, these freshman girls got creative and glammed up for Halloween. Hey senior "wooders" and "grovers," look familiar? Above: Enjoying their last days as top dogs, these Culver graduates got kicked back down to the bottom of the chain when they came to West.

Marco Aviles
Mina Azarnoosh
Courtney Bade
Angelica Badilla
Thomas Barszcz
Jasamine Bayatpour

Kendra Beedle
Shana Belluomini
Christina Benetatos
Ali Bhanpuri
Edward Bielawski
Edward Bijou

Rebecca Birger
Leah Blevins
Rita Bodiwala
Ryan Boldt
Peter Boucas
Christina Bumbaris

Right: Kaiser Pecson and Erica Locklund take a picture with George Howe. "football superstar." Keep thinking that, George.
Below: What's so funny? Oh yeah, all this garbage this freshman has to throw away.

Photo Courtesy of Miss A. Howe

Mike Bumroongsuk
Taylor Bunes
Lina Burina
Scott Burman
Elizabeth Burns
Timothy Burns

Clarice Butacan
Ryan Cambri
Luis Canchola
Kira Carey
Daniel Roland Carnate
Adam Chambers

Tiffany Chamnil
Lisa Chelampath
Richard Chen
Andrea Chin
Steven Chin
Katarzyna Chmiel

Joan Choe
Mihee Choe
Charishma Chotalia
Wesley Chow
Martin Christian
Daniel Chung

Lisa Chung
Lindsay Cohen
Atiera Coleman
Josh Collen
Mitchell Collens
Victor Colon

Michael Costello
Julie Curry
Scott Dahm
Flavia Damsa
Annette Danilowski
Alana Datu

Catherine David
Samantha DelaCruz
Joseph Demonte
Andrew Diz
Michael Donnelly
Jamie Donovan

Jessica Drachenberg
Kostes Drosos
Julia Drubinskaya
Hallie Duesenberg
Melanie Duran
Jonathan Eng

Photo: Anna Chaiken

Far Left: As they counted down their last days of junior high, these girls sign each other's yearbooks and remember great times.
Left: Thank goodness Halloween only happens once a year. Here, Nikki Horvath and Mina Azarnoosh take a picture with their oh so sexy German teacher.
Above: Girls, that better be pasta or health food you're eating. The swim team girls get ready for a meet and are told not to eat hot Cheetos and pop before their races.

Photo: Courtesy of Jackie King

Savannah Eng

Elina Eramia

Mary Eramia

Carleen Escobar

Jeannie Famanas

Michelle Farazi

Dana Farrell

Manda Filip

Courtney Finnicum

Joshua Fisch

Tiffany Fourkas

David Fox

Ana Froning

Leo Futia

Stephanie Gabourel

Tiffany Gamboa

Eric Gaode

Evelyn Gaode

Left: While most freshmen just hang around at the pool all summer, Andy Weligus and many other girls play in fast pitch softball leagues. Even in the horrible heat, Weligus knocks one out of the park.
Below: Swim little fishies, swim! These freshman boys learn how to swim in gym class.

What cartoon character best fits your personality?

"Pepe Le Pew, because if he didn't smell, he would get all the girls."
-- Parker Amsberry

"Elmer Fudd, because he wears an awesome hat."
-- Joe Falkovitz

"Eeyore, because he is slow and lazy and people always do things for him."
-- Lizzy Burns

"Winnie the Pooh, because all he does is eat and sleep."
-- Andy Wielgus

"Goofy, because we have a lot in common."
-- Casey McDonald

"Kim Possible, because she's unstoppable."
-- Julie Curry

Nerissa Gaud
Tegist Gebrekristos
Maya George
Giselle Ghofrani
Kelly Gibbons
Regina Gibbons

Cora Gibbs
Panagiota Gikas
Matthew Goebel
David Goldman
Amila Golic
Jorge Gomez

Stacey Gorodetzer
Francis Gotanco
Amanda Goudsmit
David Grandinetti
Lauren Griffin
Keren Groner

Jessica Guiang
Nerissa Guimary
Akhila Gummi
Tom Gustafson
Bese Guzeldere
Timothy Hacker

Right: These freshmen goof off and wait for their pizza as they celebrate a friend's 15th birthday party at "half off" pizza night.
Above: At the homecoming parade, the freshman spirit squad rode around in a U-Haul to show their school pride.

Left: Enjoying their last days at Parkview, these girls are excited and anxious to leave junior high and move on to high school.
Below: Hanging out after school, Elianna Quiros and her friend look at their last yearbook of junior high.

Aisha Haider
Aaliya Hawa
Matthew Hawk
Jamie Heuer
Kenny Hong
George Howe

Sadia Hussain
Mustafa Hussaini
Tommy Hutchinson
Sabhi Inderjit
Cassandra Inglesby
Rachel Itano

Amy Jacob
Christopher Jaglinski
Natasha Jindani
Amaneh Kabul
Rachel Kagan
Joann Kannookadan

Nitasha Kassam
Angela Kastanes
Eric Kato
Marina Katsnelson
Colleen Kearns
Colin Kilgallon

Danny Kim
Donna Kim
Ji Kim
Kevin Kim
Moses Kim
Philip Kim

Raeyoung Kim
Steven Kim
Sue Kim
Jackie King
Louis King
Charles Klint

David Kolen
Caroline Kosiba
Michelle Kough
Angela Koulouris
Elisa Kowalczyk
James Kriticos

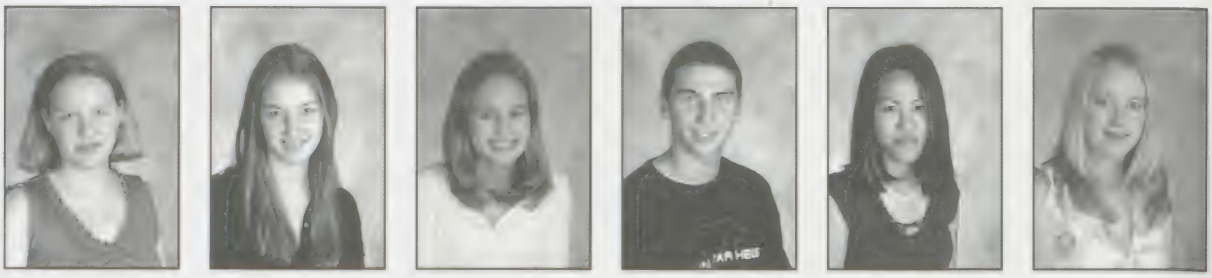
Right: Do these girls ever watch the football games? They claim they do, but we all see is that huge mob of freshmen just standing around and talking.
Above: Freshman Orientation time! Most of these freshmen look both bored and anxious to start the new year.

Ivana Krpan
Dan Kruk
Anastasia Kuchkina
Jenny Kwak
Tony Lambropoulos
Ervin Lapaz

Eliott Large
Ashleigh Lavoy
Ashourina Lazar
Hoa Le
Elke Ledesma
Jason Lee

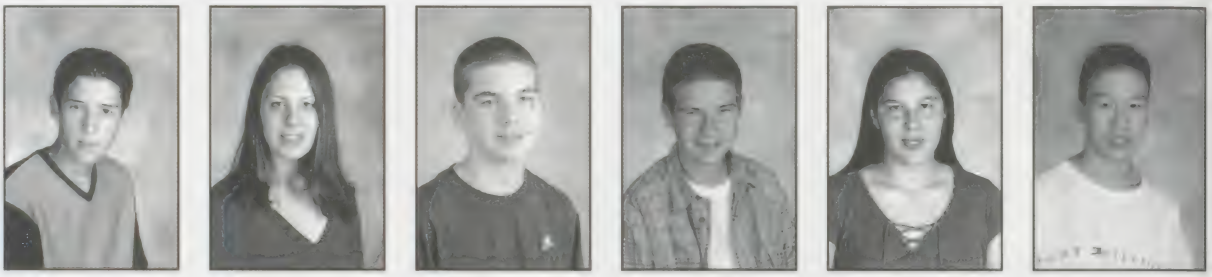
Rebecca Lee
Sul Ki Lee
Jesse Lefkowitz
Rod Liberman
Lee Lidstrom
Emina Lika

Jessica Lipscomb
Erica Locklund
Maria Loiotile
Michael Majerczyk
Kristal Manakul
Samantha Mandarino



Michael Manzanero
Leila Masad
Stefani Masterton
Timothy McCloskey
Casey McDonald
Zachary Mendoza

Chris Mercer
Amanda Merikas
Thomas Miller
Miroslav Momirovic
Dallas Monreal-Berner
Calvin Moy



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Andrea Musolf
Natalie Najera
Kevin Nejati
Jennifer Nelson
Tyler Nickell

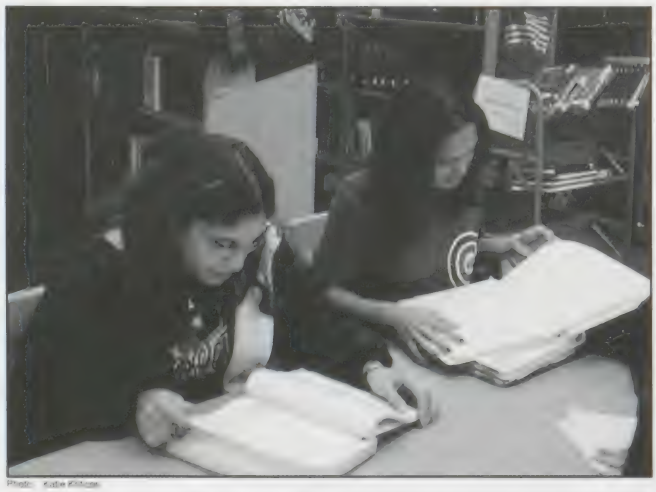


Photo: Katie Klitzner

Photo: Beata Azamorski

Right: These freshman girls give us a victory smile after winning the 2nd Annual Powder Puff game. The freshmen were teamed up with the seniors for the fun filled game.
Above: Two smart freshmen use their free mods to study. The IRC provides peace and quiet for students to study, unlike other parts of the school that can get very noisy.

Photo: Courtesy of Enos Lockwood

Left: George Howe, Victor Colon, and Scott Knudsen take a break from swimming at the Morton Grove pool to pose for a picture.
Below: These freshmen are so hungry that they don't even take the time to take off their backpacks. Don't choke on your food!

Photo: Jessica Abeln

Welcome to the Big Show!

Freshman year has its high points and low points. Making the transition from junior high to Niles West can be a frightening experience for some; for others it's exciting from the start. West is a lot bigger, with a lot more students--and a lot more opportunity to get lost. However, there are also a lot more opportunities to get involved, to make new friends, and to be a part of the "big picture."

The new countdown has begun; three and a half more years until they can sit at the senior table and look forward to graduating.

"It's great meeting all kinds of new people from different junior highs."
-- Victor Colon

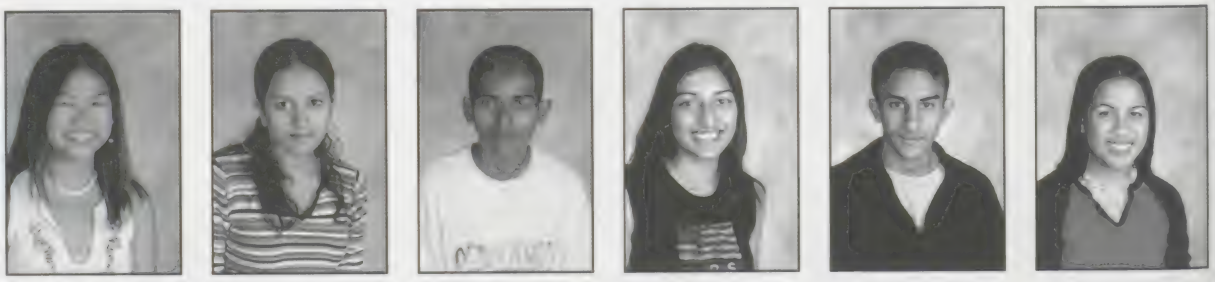
"All the talk about high school wasn't as bad as I thought it would be."
-- Jessica Lipscomb

Right: Sean Peterson, George Howe, Mina Azarnoosh, and Joe Falkovitz enjoy some good pizza at Giordanos while celebrating Azarnoosh's surprise birthday party.
Below: While enjoying lunch, this table of freshmen stop eating to smile for a quick group shot. Looks like Mr. George Bravos is trying to get into the yearbook!

Photo: Jenny Allen

Rossella Nitti
Kate Noll
Natalie Norberg
Brittney Novak
Cheryl Nowak
Michael Nowakowski

Jwan Odisho
William Oline
Enisa Omeralovic
Payal Pandya
Diane Pappas
Erik Papucci



Erika Pasia
Kinnari Patel
Mayur Patel
Rachel Patel
Sagar Patel
Noelle Paule

Rosemarie Pavlovic
Kaiser Pecson
Jacqueline Perez
Sean Peterson
Hanh Pham
Andrew Phan

Lynda Pisula
Ashley Poladian
Nicole Politis
Yuliya Poroshkova
Mustafa Quadri
Elianna Quiroz

John Quisisem
Christopher Radko
Gordana Radovanovic
Safa Rahim
Shaan Raval
Robyn Reuter

Ryan Rice
Kathiann Richmond
Jaclyn Robertson
Supattha Rodvong
Joseph Room
Vanessa Roque

Jeffrey Rosienski
Christina Rosin
Gregory Ruber
Julie Rysemus
Zachary Sagett
Edward Sahakian

Photo: Courtesy of Jessie Guiang

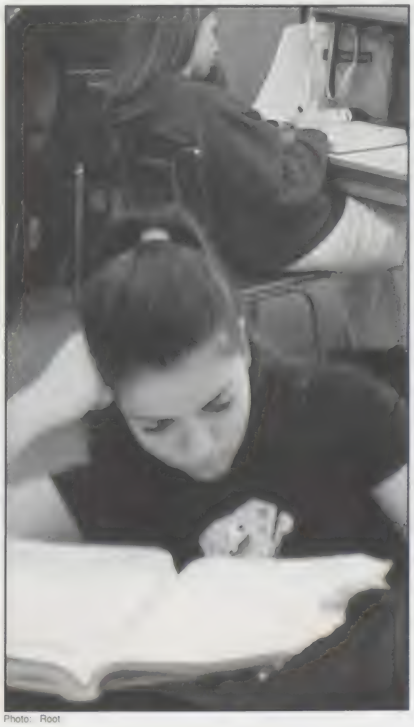


Photo: Root

Photo: Alisha Kellman

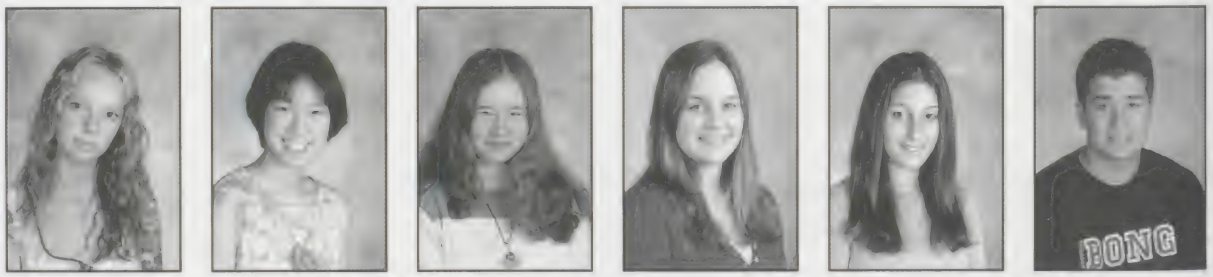
Far Left: As the shining summer sun beams down, Jessie Guiang and Nikki Horvath enjoy their day by relaxing outdoors.
Left: This freshman seems to be study her textbook very carefully, but are her eyes even open?
Above: Showing off her running speed, Courtney Finnicum finishes up her last lap of the exhausting cross country meet.

Johnathan Sales
Joshua Salomon
Matthew Saltan
Fernanda Sanchez
Peter Sande
Brendalee Santiago

Noel Saura
Caitlin Scheib
Martha Scheler
Leah Scherwinski
Helen Schlegel
Lisa Schneider

Angela Schoiber
Kirsten Schramm
Enisa Selimbegovic
Viraj Shah
Roshani Sheth
Matthew Shimanovsky

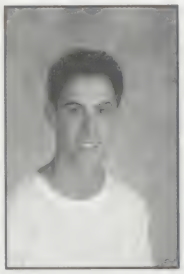
Tara Shlimon
Joanna Sieminska
Harvinder Singh
Anne Small
Alexandria Smigielski
Veronica Smith



Rachel Solovastru
Ashley Soohoo
Carol Soprych
Brittany Sorensen
Mariana Soulakian
Matthew Spiro

Douglas Spitzer
Aneta Staszel
Max Stein
Michelle Stein
Rachel Stein
Elizabeth Steinert

Dorothea Stepan
Sandra Stephan
Brian Stephans
Kevin Sumague
Jack Targos
Alex (Aj) Tarzian



Samantha Tayne
Jessica Teleback
Alison Temkin
Christopher Teng
Frank Theodorakakis
Nina Tiberi

Larissa Tilden
Brandy Trafman
Sara Turk
Anna Vasilenko
James Vavrik
Alex Vazquez

Sophia Venetos
Michelle Von Meding
Valentina Vulcu
Kiley Wagner
Todd Wiandt
Andrea Wielgus

Maggie Wong
Richard Yasay
Eunice Yi
Carla Younan
Dalya Younan
Jennifer Zagorski

Katie Zehner
Yan Zheng
Nina Zildzic
Milica Zivkovic

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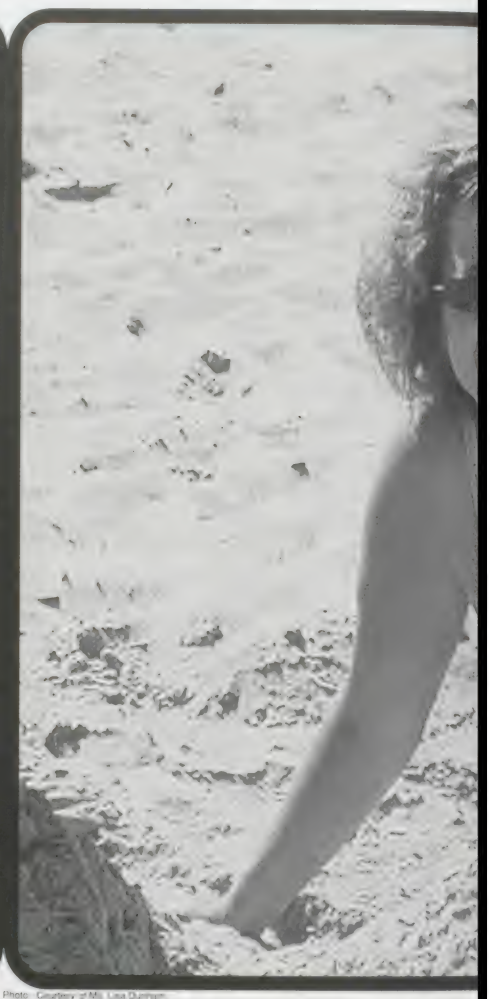


Photo: Courtesy of Ms. Lisa Durham

Photo: Staff

Photo: Sam Rowe

Saved by the Bell

Stacy Albrecht
Ann Alegnani
Gevik Anbarchian

Pam Antonacci
Jean Attig
Phyllis Axon

Maureen Azcoitia
Chris Barnett
Peggy Bassrawi

Happi Bills
Kevin Bond
Arlene Bracken

Kathleen Brandes
Joe Brennan
Bonnie Brenner

Barry Brodsky
Kevin Brown

With the advent of new technology, video games and television shows have become remarkable, almost unbelievable. Who knows what's next? If two teachers from various departments got together via technology...well, use your imagination.

If the departments got together...

English

English teachers: Ms. Michele Lewis and Mr. Kevin Bond

Math

Math teachers: Ms. Amy Kaye and Mr. Mark Rigby

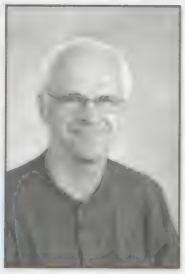
Pysical Education

Physical Education teachers: Ms. Teri Langston and Mr. Steve Ramseyer

Math

Math teachers: Ms. Colleen Davis and Mr. Jamie Krzeminski

Ray Carr
Keryl Carter
Stephanie Caruso



Seema Chandarana
Sanlida Cheng
Shelley Chipkin

Brett Clish
Joetta Costello
Kathleen Coughlin

Rosalie Croon
Britt Czupryna
Carol Dammrich

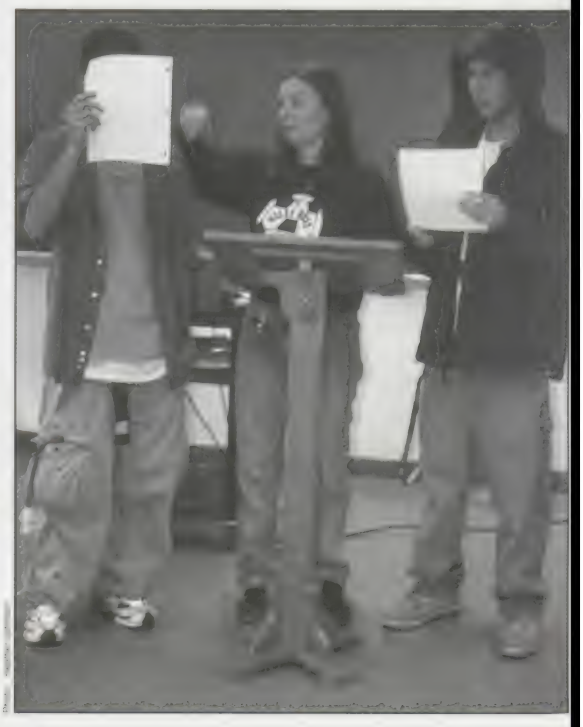
Colleen Davis
Richard Decoster
Emily DeGuzman

Right: This is just another day in one of Frau's German classes.

While most of us want to get out of school as soon as possible, there are those who want to stay here forever. Some Niles West alumni have made that dream a reality. These teachers love for the high school setting and their passion for education has carried into their adult life. "Niles West is like a second home to me. I had fun the first time and I'm having even more fun the second time around, " stated Mr. Josef Neumayer. Just think-- that nerd sitting next to you in Chemistry might be the teacher teaching our kids the periodic table and its wonders!

-- Heather Johnson and

Beeta Azarnoosh



Look Who's Teaching Now... At Niles West

Left: Once a Niles West football player, now a Niles West football coach. Mr. Steve Ramseyer has been in the athletic program here at Niles West for decades.

Right: Of course, Frau was a cheerleader...what hasn't she done!

Left: Back then, Mr. Josef Neumayer was sweet and innocent, but over the years, students have noticed slight changes!

Right: Ms. Mindy Slutsky is all dressed up and having a blast at her Senior Prom . The smile stayed the same, but the hair needed to change.

Sean Delahanty
Dana DesJardins
Margaret Donnelly

Barbara Draenenberg
Lisa Dunham
Joe Edwards

Denise Eisenberg
Kim Eisenhut
G. Larry Erickson

Nancy Erickson
Mario Faso
Jennifer Firer

Carol Fitz Henry
Stacy Fitzgerald
Pat Flynnn

Right: "Oh, oh, work it, work it." Ms. Heidi Splinter works out all day long. She is pregnant and more fit than most people in the school.
Far Right: Mr. Matthew Weatherington explains to his classroom why building bridges, not jails, is society's answer to many of its problems.

Clockwise from Far Left: Not only does Ms. Evelyn Lauer work hard at school, but as you can see, she spends a lot of time at her desk at home.
Here, Ms. Sharon Swanson's lovely daughter models their family bathroom while taking a warm bubble bath.
Who wants to go to school and work when you can play with frogs and turtles in Ms. Marcia Kiraly's pond in her back yard?
Chef "Boyar"forman cooks up a storm in this modern kitchen. "What's for dinner mom?" asks her dog.
We know where to find Mr. Steve Foerch in the summer time. Here in Galena, Foerch relaxes and enjoys not being around chemicals.

Photo: Courtesy of Alexa Forman

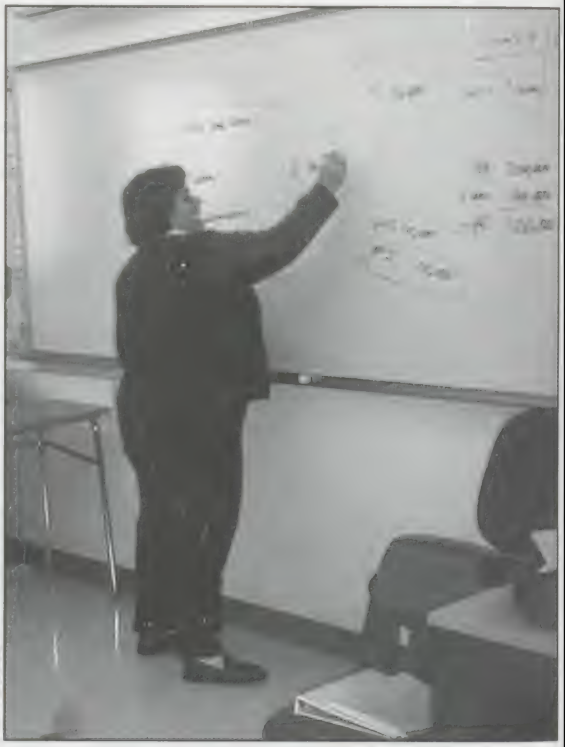
Pamela Foerch
Steve Foerch
Alexa Forman

Lynette Galvez
Kirti Gandhi
Rachael Garay

Jackie Garvey
Ryan Geu
Jan Gillono

Ruth Gleicher
Sandra Gold
Sally Graham

Benjamin Grais
Nathan Gray
Steve Grossman



Far Above: We know what Dean Larry Erickson does in his spare time. He's dressed up as a lady, singing!
Above: Ms. Jean Attig writes on the board and is ready for another exciting day of marketing class.

America's Funniest Classroom Moments

"Mr. Genis and I used to share a science room where we had put up a new poster of Albert Einstein. Upon walking into class one day, a boy exclaimed, "Wow! It's Mark Twain!"
Mr. Steven Foerch

"I used to have really long hair, and in the winter, this building is so dry that there is a lot of static electricity. Once, when I had my hair in a ponytail, I had been writing on the board, and when I turned to face the class, my hair filled with static and clung to the blackboard. I had two feet of hair standing out straight behind me, but I didn't immediately notice--not until the entire class starting laughing and pointing. I must have looked like I was in a science fiction movie."
Ms. Dana DesJardins

"I was showing a movie and every time I turned around, the movie kept fast-forwarding and rewinding, the volume kept going up and down! I thought the TV was possessed! I kept trying to fidget with the TV and I even went looking outside in the hallway for somebody with a remote control. I even looked in the classroom next to me to see if they were showing a movie and their remote was interfering with my TV. Well, these shenanigans went on for about two weeks at which time I was convinced that the TV was possessed. Apparently, I was unaware that one of the hooligans in the class had a remote control watch and was playing a joke on me! I still laugh at how big of a fool I must have looked!"
Mr. Chuck Corrigan

"I have a tendency to lean on and hang over the podium while I teach. One day, in the middle of class, I put all my weight on the upper part, and before I knew what had happened, the entire top cracked, the bottom flew up and cut both of my lower arms. Julia Varsamis rushed to the nurse to bring back ice packs and bandages. As embarrassing as it was, it was hard not to laugh."
Ms. Sharon Swanson

"I was talking about geometry and was referring to point "P" when I said, "Okay, take a 'P' anywhere on the board." It took me a moment to understand why the students were laughing."
Mr. Mark Rigby

Marie Grunst
Garry Gustafson
Dawn Hagedorn

Laureen Hall
Teresa Hatch
Anne Heselton

Sarell Hesser
Michele Hettinger
Lisa Renee Hindel

Wileen Hsing
Dawn Jacobs
Tamara Jaffe-Notier

Andrew Johnson
Cathy Johnson
Matt Johnson

Photo courtesy of Melissa Rivas

Fun in the Sun

Photo courtesy of Anthony Smith

Left: Ms. Marcia Kiraly and family enjoy vacationing during their summers. Here they are resting from a long bike ride in North Carolina.
Below: Spending a hot summer day at Navy Pier, Ms. Jean Attig and her family wait for the next boat to sail them away on lovely Lake Michigan.

Left: Being away from school all summer, Mr. Anthony Serafini takes on a part-time job. Last summer he worked at the Museum of Science and Industry in the Titanic exhibit.
Above: Surf's up! Ms. Joyce Van Alstin tries to balance on her skis as she races across the water. Many teachers enjoy water sports during their long awaited summer breaks.

Spending his summer traveling all over Europe, Mr. Jamie Krzeminski rests on top of the Alps in Moterossa, Italy.

Summer is the perfect time to have a wedding. Here, Ms. Heidi Splinter and her husband pose for a picture after saying their "I dos" in Colorado.

Blast From The Past

Erick Kaiser
Steven Katz
Brian Katzman

Janet Kelsey
Shaun Kennedy
Joellen Kerwin

David Kilingenberger
Marcia Kiraly
Tage Klint

Susan Knepper
Elizabeth Kolany
Judith Koziatek-Hosp

Hope Kracht
Jennifer Krueger
Kelly Kyle

Answer: Above: Ms. Michele Hattinger
Below: Mr. Josef Neumayer

1

2

Answer: 1. Ms. Sharon Swanson
2. Ms. Patricia Stone

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2

Answer: 1. Ms. Lynne Rauser
2. Ms. Dena Litchterman

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Answer: 1. Mr. Shaun Kennedy
2. Ms. Kimberly Eisenhut

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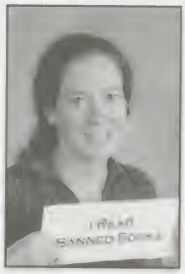
Answer: 1. Ms. Jody Weatherington
2. Mr. Daniel Quinlan

Ambert Lange
Teri Langston
David Larson
Evelyn Lauer
Stephanie Lee



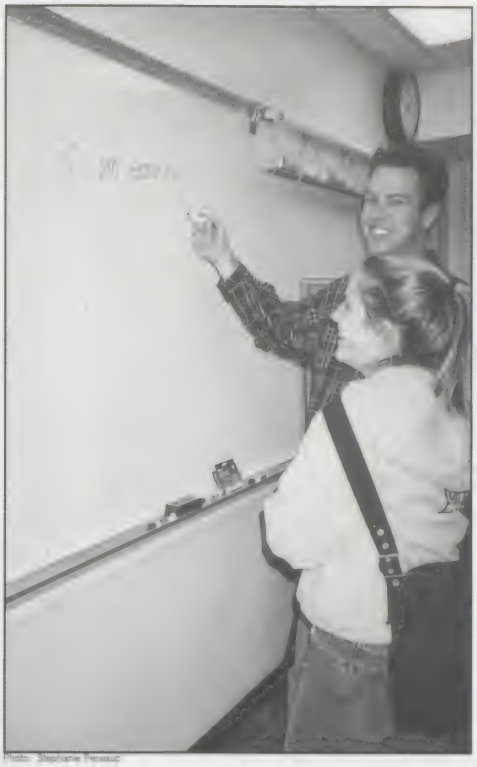
Ami Lefevre
Marla Levitan
Michele Lewis
Nikki Liardakis
Dena Lichterman

Martha Lietz
David Malatesta
Nancy Maloney
Annette Mei
Lou Metallo

Joe Meyer
Michael Meyers
Sharon Mikula
Paula Miller
Tim Miller

Yvonne Miller
Patricia Moir
Mary Crystal Montague

Teachers Teaching



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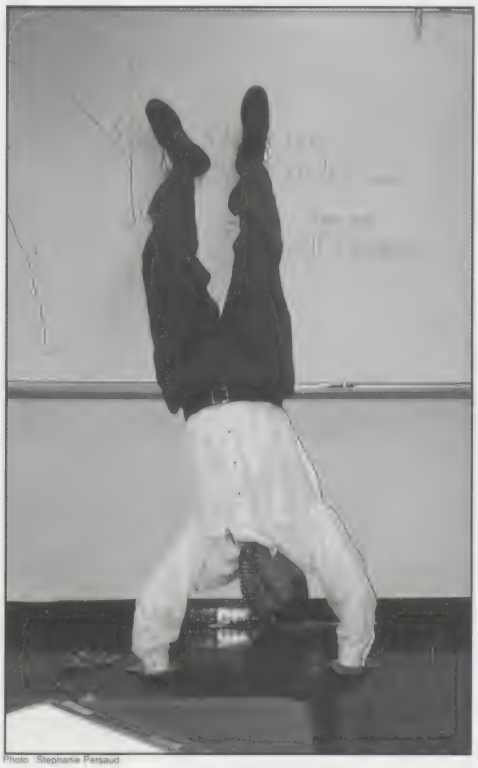

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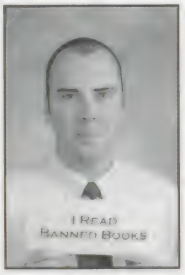
Everybody Loves Roger

Gloria Moore
Florence Nemkovich
Josef Neumayer

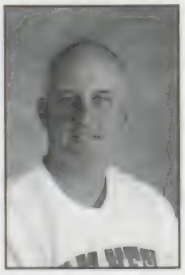
Robert Nortillo
Bob O'Brien
Gerry O'Connell

Robin O'Connor
Nancy Otter
Edward Pieczynski

Jon Proctor
Cindy Protus-Edelstei
Dan Quinlan



Evie Raffanti
Elizabeth Ramseyer
Stephen Ramseyer



"I think I will really miss the daily schedule and interaction with the students and teachers."
"It is odd to think that I will be coming in to the building as a visitor and not as the principal."
"The best part of working in a school is actually seeing children learn new things."
"One of the best parts of Niles West is its diversity. It really enriches the school."
Interview with Dr. Roger Stein

"I remember going in to Dr. Stein's office for an evaluation of my teaching... but then we spent a lot of the time discussing Lucinda, his favorite character from the As the World Turns!"
Mr. Pat Flynn

"He was always working to improve children's education. He is a very positive and uplifting person."
Mr. Marvin Klebba

"Dr. Stein is a very caring principal and he is one person who any student could always go to for support."
Beeta Azarnoosh ('03)

Lynne Rauser
Phyllis Rieman
Helen Rifkin

Mark .Rigby
Maria Esther Rivas
Elizabeth Robertson

John Rocco
Paul Rojas
Deanna Ruiz

Dan Rusk
Carolyn Sanchez
Leann Sassen

Jason Schmitt
Mary Jo Schnabel
Lynne Scholpp

Answers: 1. Mr. Steve Grossman
2. Ms. Joyce VanAlstin
3. Ms. Linda Cabuzelo
4. Ms. Mileen Hsing
5. Ms. Ruth Gleicher
6. Ms. Mindy Slutzky

Guess Who!

1

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The College Years

Susan Schram
Austin Schwartz
Anthony Serafini

Laurie Shapiro
Pankaj Sharma
Nancy Sheehan

Andrea Sherwood
Angela Sideris
Abranam Sihweil

Jennifer Sinnick
Cameron Slife
Mindy Slutzky

Celeste Smith
Jacqui Smith
Jode Sokolowski

Syracuse University
"If you can handle cold winters, it's a lovely campus with many wonderful academic programs."
Ms. Phyllis Rieman

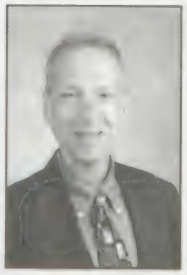
University of Kansas
"Great school, beautiful campus, good sports. Hey, they even let me in!"
Mr. Steve Foerch

Miami of Ohio
"Excellent for Business and Education and far enough away so Mom and Dad couldn't drop in for a surprise visit!"
Mr. Josef Neumayer

North Park University
"This school gave me a good education and it was close to the train so it was a short ride to the CUBS game!"
Ms. Stacy Albrecht

University of Hawaii at Hilo
"My most memorable college experiences happened in Hawaii, surfing and camping on the beaches!"
Ms. Heidi Splinter

Heidi Splinter
Beverly Sporina
Roger Stein



Mitch Stern
Pat Stone
Marilyn Stopeic

Sharon Swanson
Penny Swartz
Michael Tarjan

Donna Mae Thomas
Andrea Tomaras
Zoe Touloupas

Karen Trachsel
Brandon Tucker
Becky Tuecke

Jennifer Aniston, Jennifer Garner, or Jennifer Love-Hewitt: which Jen is your favorite? Teachers took time to fill out surveys about whom they would vote for as their favorite actor, actress, and comedian. (Yes, teachers do watch TV, and yes, they do have their favorites.) As surprising as it may seem, their favorites are similar to ours. Jennifer Garner, along with Jerry Seinfeld and Lisa Kudrow, were picked as favorites, and it's common knowledge that these actors are watched by teenagers every day. As far as their favorite reporters, some of their answers are below.

-- Amy Madhiwala and Loreen Targos

"Dan Rather. He followed Walter Cronkite at CBS and he's doing a good job."
Mr. Mark Egofski

"Cynthia Santana is articulate when reporting the news on Channel 2."
Ms. Celeste Smith

"Hume. Brit Hume. He has a cool name. Kind of like Bond. James Bond."
Mr. Steve Foerch

1. This gym teacher's favorite television comedian is Todd Munning because he's funny and "tells it like it is."

2. This English teacher loves watching Lisa Simpson because Lisa's a young feminist and is always right.

3. Watch out! TV's "Alias" star Jennifer Garner is liked by this gym teacher because she's "buff and tough."

4. Jerry Seinfeld is the funniest TV comedian to this teacher because he points out the obvious.

5. Bill Cosby is this math teacher's favorite actor because his humor is filled with wisdom.

6. This teacher's favorite actor is Richard Harris because he's dignified.

What's so funny? Mr. Joe Meyer hides a smile while he fills out a yearbook survey. Maybe he's thinking of his favorite actress...

Answer: 1. Ms. Stacy Albrecht 2. Ms. Dena Lichtenman 3. Ms. Heidi Splinter 4. Ms. Michele Lewis 5. Ms. Seema Chandarana 6. Mr. Ray Carr

Joyce Van Alstin
Dan Vander Jeugt
Jeanne Walshon

Eileen Walvoord
Elizabeth Watkins
Jody Weatherington

Matthew Weatherington
Judy Wheatman
Denise Whitefield

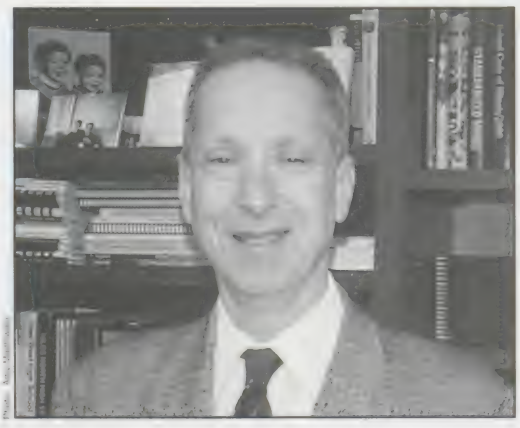
Elliot Whitefield
Brad Wilson
Bryan Wittersheim

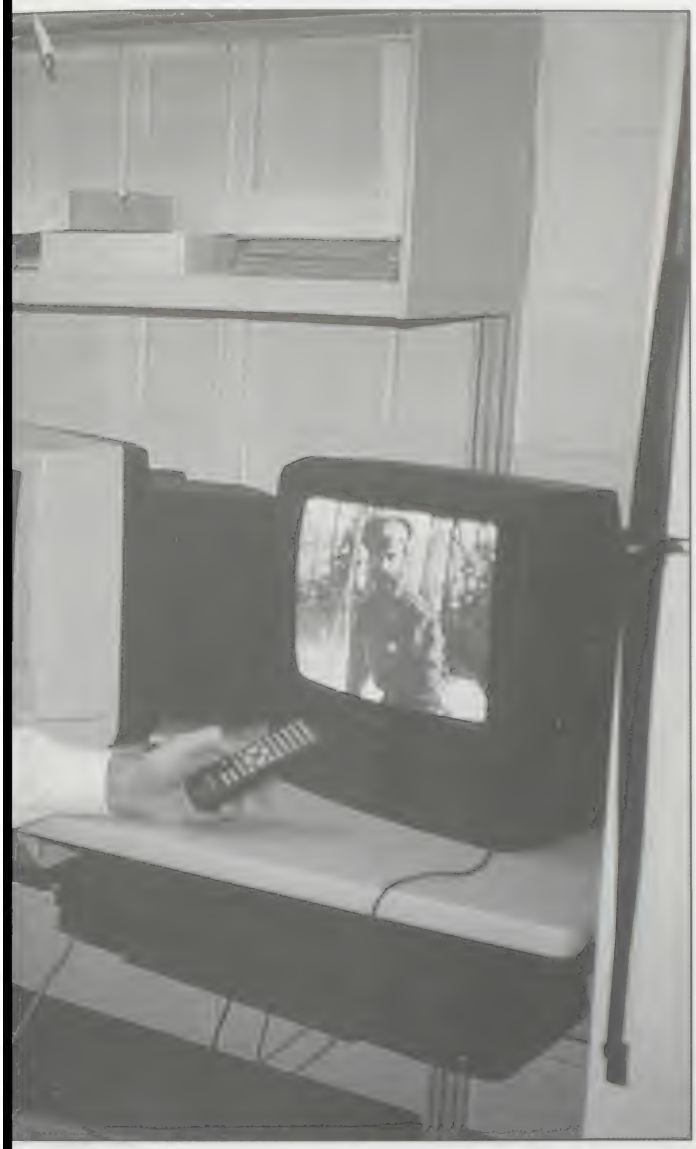
Khanna Youkhana
Tom Zera

Remember the good old days of watching the "Brady Bunch" and "MASH?" Probably not. That's because these are the fond memories of our beloved teachers. While we laugh at "Friends," our teachers were laughing at Jack from "Three's Company." With the advent of cable and satellite dishes, some things have changed a lot--but TV will always play some major role in our lives.

-- Loreen Targos and Amy Madhiwala

"TV has become much more a reflection of contemporary society, particularly relative to violence."
Dr. Roger Stein





Left: The perfect example of using television for educational purposes: Mr. Christopher Schwarz prepares movies clips to show to his history class.

"When I was a child I loved watching 'Gilligan's Island.' By the way, if the professor could make a telephone out of a coconut, why couldn't he fix a small hole in the boat?"
Mr. Steve Foerch

"My favorite TV show when I was a child would have to be 'The Brady Bunch.' Marsha, Marsha, Marsha..."
Mr. Kevin Bond

"My favorite TV shows now are 'Friends' and 'Will and Grace.' They are so funny and quirky!"
Ms. Dana Kantor

"My favorite TV show now is 'Scooby Doo.' I love how they solve those mysteries."
Mr. Anthony Serafini

"My favorite TV show now would be 'Frasier.' It's funny and has interesting characters."
Mr. Bob O'Brien

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Striking Up The Band

If you think band is one-dimensional, think again! "Band is a combination of all of the academic subjects," explains Bill Koch, Band Director. Being in band requires more cumulative knowledge than most people think. Reading music is the equivalent of reading a foreign language; the notes need to be individually interpreted, translated, and played correctly. Math is an important factor, too, because counting the measures is the foundation of a wonderful performance. It is obvious that, as Mr. Koch states, "Excellence is a habit of this band."

-- Rachel Waddick

This smiling group takes time from tuning up their instruments to pose for this picture.

Her attention totally focused on her music, Jamie Willis ('03) concentrates on hitting those high notes on her flute during a rehearsal of the Symphonic Wind Ensemble.

Photo: Root

SYMPHONIC WIND ENSEMBLE: Front: Lauren Silverman, Mitchell Kato, Auratip Paramadilock, Vanessa Jeske, Alexandra Corcoran, Kristin Guiang, Christina Ahn Jamie Willis 2nd: Bowen Chow, Karlene Gordula, Sadaf Khan, Emily Scheler, Karen Benetatos, Monique Murphy, Beth Gelfand, Shira Calamaro, Ben Grover, Eileen Ouska 3rd: Ricky Costabile, Rebecca Zavelovich, Eric Courtney, Lisa Miszczyszyn, Andrew Jatico, Lauren Perzov, Marissa Strassberger, Kate Edelson, Lorraine Ishida, Anastasia Romaschenko, Hannah Rutzen 4th: Emily Saltz, David Choi, David VanRoeyen-Warda, Sebastian Danilowski, Jarrett Room, Ethan Lederer, David Terdich, Robert Krolczyk, cindy Wisniewski, James Drachenberg, Rajan Shah, Nik Emerson, Peter Ellyin, Tony Vigneri, Alex Buc, Eric Shine, Sarah Sherry, Aaron Kahn Back: Bill Koch, David Dorband, Kristopher Ahrens

SYMPHONIC BAND: Front: Jessica Kluss, Lia Lehrer, Jonathan Kurinsky, Justin Flores, Mike Hyon Sul Kim, Alyssa Zeller, Joan Lee, Heather Garrity 2nd: Paul Min, Joseph Aivaz, Rashard Mendenhall, Raymond Jang, Abbi Pazik, Julie Chang, Sylvia Lee, Tim Kreusch, Jenny Lee, Linda Lim, Maham Lodhi, Jenny Bekker, Adeline Bujdei 3rd: Nicole Nelson, Farheen Quraishi, Jeremy Andrews, Caroline Baffes, Sophia Harris, Jorie Glassner, Laura Kopinski, Jin Ho Lee, Adrian Briones, Kris Kinslow, Alex Tejeda 4th: Carolynn Witt, Brandon Siena, Josh Manego, Richard Ramos, Michael Craig, Matthew Brandemer, Chris Olsen, William Ernst, Patrick Perez, Todd Gomberg, Gregory Dorband, Jodi Kane, Sabbir Ahsanullah, Colin Stone Back: Ethan Lederer, Thomas Maddex, Amanda Parenaude, Adam Gomberg, Steven Gullen, Matthew Korajczyk, Michael Carag, Danny Rosenthal, David Dorband

Feel the beat! The drumline plays with perfect timing.

FEATURE . . .

"Every year in band the musicians are unique. They each bring an individual personality and style to their music."
Mr. William Koch

"Band is not only a way to reduce my stress, but it is a chance to express my love for the arts on a daily basis."
Lauren Silverman ('03)

Photo: Root

CONCERT BAND: Front: Jessica Lipscomb, Nerissa Guimary, Jackie King, Maxwell Stein, Kira Carey, Ana Froning, Alexandra Smigielski, Jenny Kwak 2nd: Regina Gibbons, Danielle Owens, Tara Shlimon, Su Kim, Casey McDonald, Christopher Radko, Syeda Ali, Go Eun Kim, Alison Temkin, Rebecca Lee, Colleen Kearns, Martha Scheler 3rd: Kevin Kim, Kelly Gibbons, Dan Puzzo, Maria Loiotile, Anne Small, Brittney Novak, Danny Kim, Benjamin Sun, Joseph Room, Marco Medina, Samantha Piasny, Stephanie Shu, Jennifer Nelson 4th: John Alvarado, Vitaly Lorman, Jesse Lefkowitz, Christopher Aler, Zachary Jarosz, Savannah Eng, Laurel Nowak-Boyd, Stefani Masterton, Charles Klint, Eric Kato, Tom Barszcz, Michael Bumroongsuk, Patrick Scanlan, Jon Eng Back: David Dorband, Chris Jaglinski, Matthew Goebel, Matthew Shimanovsky, Robyn Reuter, Amanda Patenaude, Mihai Agignoae

The auditorium is alive with the sound of music. Dr. Roger Stein helps to conduct Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Symphonic Band, and Concert Band at the Fall Band Concert, proving that aside from being a principal, he is capable of conducting a variety of musical groups.

Music with Style

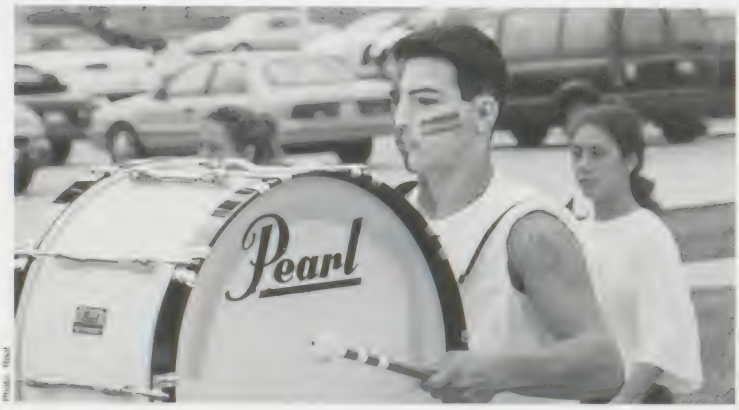
Marching Band, Jazz Band, and Pop 'N Rock are just a few of the different styles of music at Niles West. Marching Band consists of almost 80 students, who play at the home football games and provide the fans with music during halftime. Another group of talented students makes up Jazz Band. They practice for two hours twice a week, and perform jazz music at different competitions. Pop 'N Rock plays at all the pep assemblies and basketball games. It seems as if there is a band to satisfy everyone's taste.

-- Rachel Tarnoff

Looking serious, the drummers concentrate on the conductor as they wait to begin.

Laura Kopinski ('05) and Kelly Gibbons ('06) are entirely focused on their music, not even knowing they're getting their picture taken.

Brian Melamed ('03) plays for the crowd of football fans during half time. The Marching Band plays at all the home football games.



David Van Roeyen ('03) displays his school pride with face paint while marching in the homecoming parade.

Despite the fact he's playing the trombone, Jarrett Room ('04) manages to smile up at the stands.

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"Marching Band was cool this year because I got to meet lots of new people and make new friends."
Karlene Gordula ('04)

"This year was great. We all worked together really well and that showed in our performance."
Jorie Glassner ('04)

At the homecoming parade, Marching Band performed for the crowd of people standing on the sidelines. They showed their spirit by wearing matching shirts.

Daniel Rosenthal ('05) bangs on the drums during a Pop 'N Rock rehearsal. The drummer is an important part of a band because he keeps the beat of the song.

At a Pop 'N Rock rehearsal, this group of trumpet players practices hard for their upcoming performance. These musicians have to concentrate fully to be able to complete the song.

Behind the Music

The Choir program is a huge part of many Niles West students' lives. Choir members must be in class during school hours, as well as after school, for concerts and special practices. Expressions, an a capella jazz ensemble; and Accidental Harmony, a new, all boys, a capella group founded by students, are two off-shoots of choir. The time commitment goes unnoticed because the students love what they do. Michael Budzik ('03) says, "Music is a huge part of my life and being able to sing every day brings me great joy."

-- Brenda Teruel

ACCIDENTAL HARMONY: Front: Diego Colon 2nd: Steve Dogiakos, Joshua Solomon, Erik Granlund, Michael Budzik Back: Adrian Briones, Matthew Massoth, Jarrett Room, Elmer Ladlad

CHORALIERS- Tenor & Bass: Paul Barbato, George Kinas, Sheffy Abraham, Adrian Briones

Photo: Courtesy of Paula Bachman

EXPRESSIONS: Front: Mallory Portnoy, Michelle Brodsky 2nd: Chelsea Mathis, Joyce Ko, Brenda Teruel 3rd: Michael Lim, Julia Macholl, Jennifer Hedstrom, Elmer Ladlad, Joshua Solomon, Joeseph Cabrera Back: Matthew Massoth, Adrian Briones, Diego Colon, Susan Nowak

CHORALIERS: Front: Grecia Montero, April Marcelo, Michelle Yu, Carol Soprych, Kimberly Chua, Elianna Quiroz 2nd: Stella Shamoun, Sania Panayotova, Julie Chang, Jee Hae Choi, Akhila Gummi, Roberta Redmond, Jasamine Bayatpour 3rd: Lena Kako, Safa Rahim, Andrea Wielgus, Joann Kannookadan, Kelly Reed, Nicolette Saura Back: Katarina Spehar, Anne LaManna, Sherley Delma, Hallie Duesenberg, Abbigale Pazik

CONCERT CHOIR: Front: Anne Borkowski, Charishma Chotalia, Laura Dugan-Levinson, Amanda Lasher, Samantha Mathis, Joan Choe, Seth Haro 2nd: Brittany Sorensen, Suzanne Meyerowitz, Christine Moran, Kristina Roman, Catherine Millan, Cynthia Delgado, Molly Levine, Giselle Ghofrani 3rd: Sorabh Sharma, Douglas Roberts, Juan Juarez, Urooj Alam, Jennifer Eramia, Tiffany Fourkas, Atiera Coleman Back: Ankur Mehta, Daka Wiedeman, Joseph Wattenbarger, Julia Macholl, Belicia Garcia, Kristin Miller, Ashley Bargamian

FEATURE . . .

Photo: Courtesy of Frank Gachman

"Being in choir has been a life-changing experience. It has allowed me to grow as an artist and a student of music. It has prepared me for my future."
Diego Colon ('03)

"Singing takes you away from all the stresses of school and life. You can get lost in the music."
Danielle Willer ('04)

Photo: Courtesy of Danielle Willer

These performers don't just sing, they act too! While singing the song "Fruitcake," Concert Choir pretends to bake.

Photo: Courtesy of Frank Gachman

CHAMBER CHOIR: Front: Dena Guminiak, Kimberly Widdes, Jessica Stoneberg, Jennifer Hedstrom, Margaret Wattenbarger, Erin Smolinski 2nd: Peri Kepraios, Joanna Evangelista, Terri Atienza, Diana Wong, Heather Benson Back: Loreen Targos, Megan Bieschke, Jeraline Rosario, Julie Barker, Judy Ho, Amanda Schwartz

Photo: Courtesy of Frank Gachman

MASTER SINGERS: Front: Samantha Meron, Michelle Brodsky, Joeseph Cabrera, Jason Spitzer, Elmer Ladlad, Brenda Teruel, Emily Maggi, Joshua Solomon, Blase Villano 2nd: Joan Kim, Heather Welch, Chelsea Mathis, Alison Lueder, Monica Dabul, Katie Kriticos, Joyce Ko, Michael Lim 3rd: Kate Edelson, Karen Benetatos, Katherine Stachowicz, Adrian Briones, Jacob Chacko, Ron Tain, Jarrett Room, Michael Budzik, Matthew Massoth Back: Sahar Rahim, Julia Macholl, Catherine Kowalczyk, Danielle Willer, Mallory Portnoy, Erik Granlund, Susan Nowak, Molly Heineman, Steve Dogiakos, Diego Colon

Politically Incorrect

Every Thursday, mods 14-16, freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior cabinets meet. In order to be an officer for cabinet, students are elected the previous year. Freshmen and sophomores talk about fundraising and come up with new ideas on how to make money. Junior year, they take that money and plan prom. Senior cabinet decides on the theme for the class T-shirt and class gift. Cabinet is a great way to meet new people, make friends, become involved in school decisions, and have a great time!

-- Jacqueline Collens

Jessica Patera ('04) takes time out of her lunch to hang up signs for junior cabinet.

"Nerd Ropes, get your Nerd Ropes!" Bradley Sacher ('03) and Suneeth Samuel ('03) get ready to make money fast.

Swati Patel ('05) and Alice Hong ('05) work diligently to figure out their next fund-raiser for sophomore cabinet.

FRESHMAN CABINET: Front: Mustafa Hussaini, Erica Hogan (President), Jared Fryasele (Secretary) Back: Yasmeen Ahmed, Roshani Sheh (Vice-President), Moorat Ali, Nitasha Kassam (Treasurer)

SOPHOMORE CABINET: Front: Robina Cyriac (Treasurer), Chandi Patel (Secretary), Swati Patel(President), Alice Hong (Vice-President) 2nd: Mr. Bond, Joanna Evangelista, Sandy Machugin, Sabrina Lakhani, Samira Virani, Jennie George, Amanda Park Back: Shehzad Lakhani, Zubair Adil, Shaan Merchant, Adil Lakhani, Zeeshan Dhanani

FEATURE . . .

Photo: Jacqueline Collens

"Senior cabinet gives all students an opportunity to speak their voice."
Michael Fazelian
Vice-President ('03)

"Junior cabinet is a fun way to get to know everyone and to represent our class."
Eunice An
President ('04)

Photo: Jacqueline Collens

"Charlie, get to work!" Mrs. Sarrell Hesser says to Charlie Lambropolous ('03). "The student body is like a car and I own it, Mrs. Hesser," Charlie replies to her. Mrs. Hesser and Charlie get along so well; can't you tell?

Photo: Courtesy of Ann Ahlgren

JUNIOR CABINET: Front: Kathleen Noonan (Secretary), Jessica Patera (Vice-President), Eunice An (President), Sarah Oline (Treasurer) Back: Ms. Shapiro, Omar Salem, Chelsea Sher, Nicole Elman, Julia Varsamis, Lauren Perzov, Laura Lee, Doug Kim

Photo: Courtesy of Ann Ahlgren

SENIOR CABINET: Front: Kathryn Stock, Jamie Willis, Jonathon Hester, Jennifer Figueroa 2nd: Todd Matten (Treasurer), Michael Fazelian (Vice-President), Jacqueline Collens (Secretary), Charles Lambropoulos (President) Back: Margaret Wattenbarger, Melissa Barker, Heather Welch, Suneeth Samuel, Peter Lucas, Bradley Sacher, Mrs. Sarrell Hesser, David Kopf

Of the people, by the people, for the people

Students have observed many changes in our school, including the newest cell phone policy and the winter "informal." One may ask, how do these changes come about? The answer-- Student Senate and Student Union. Student Senate works to develop new school policies and counter the old, while Student Union plans the spirit weeks and the winter formal. These clubs have made many contributions to our school, and their efforts have been extremely successful.

-- Amy Madhiwala

Margaret Wattenbarger ('03) and Melissa Barker ('03) plan out the agenda for the next Union meeting.

In order to get immediate results regarding problems, students in Senate often discuss school issues with Dr. Roger Stein.

These girls work hard to finish making designs to put on spirit week flyers.

STUDENT SENATE: Front: Jennifer Klein, Lauren Perzov, Molly Castro, Amy Madhiwala Back: Mr. Chris Schwarz, Steven Dogiakos, Jamie Willis , Peter Dingas, Bessie Guzeldere, Erica Hogan

STUDENT UNION: Front: Mina Azarnoosh, Erica Locklund, Nadine Isho 2nd: Melissa Barker, Beeta Azarnoosh, Heather Welch, Margaret Wattenbarger 3rd: Kathryn Stock, Devin Jaremus, Jillian Andrada, Carrie Zich, Chelsea Sher, Melanie Duran, Samantha Simkus, Kathryn Barquez Back: Samantha Nelson, Kathleen Bolano, Jennifer Gorski, Julie Rysemus

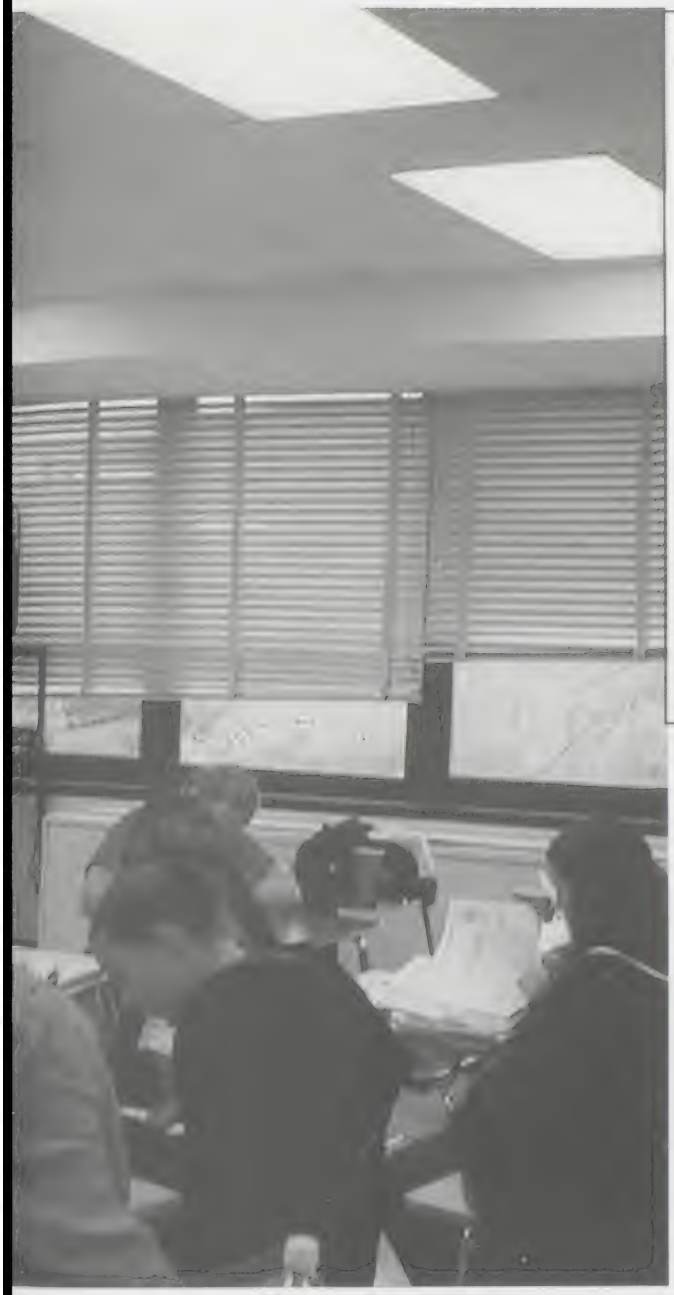

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Photo: Amy Madhiwala

"We deal with school rules and issues. Althought it's a long process, we try to change the way things are run."
Jennifer Klein ('03)

"Planning spirit days is a lot of fun, and this year's winter 'informal' is something new we came up with."
Heather Welch ('03)

Photo: Amy Madhiwala

Mrs. Margaret Donnelly takes a minute to explain instructions to the students in Union.

Another typical day in Union -- students take the time to eat and talk with friends while working on different ideas and projects for upcoming events. Many of the students in Union this year are freshmen which will serve them a strong future.

Steven Dogiakos ('03) and Mr. Chris Schwarz spend their time in Senate discussing issues such as cell phone policies, construction noise, and maybe matters in the financial realm. As the treasurer of Senate, it is Dogiakos's job to keep track of the money they raise and send it to different charities.

WBC News

I look around the room at my fellow West Word staffers and find myself grateful. Grateful for the talent that surrounds me, for the dedication and work ethic I have come to develop, and most of all, for the voice it has given me. Editors-in-Chief, Becky Bloom and Yusra Ghazi, are not only two of my good friends, but are people for whom I have great respect. Though I might leave a late night at 11 p.m., they remain until the paper is finished, until West's student publication truly merits the awards it has earned in the past.

-- Jenny Klein (Features Editor)

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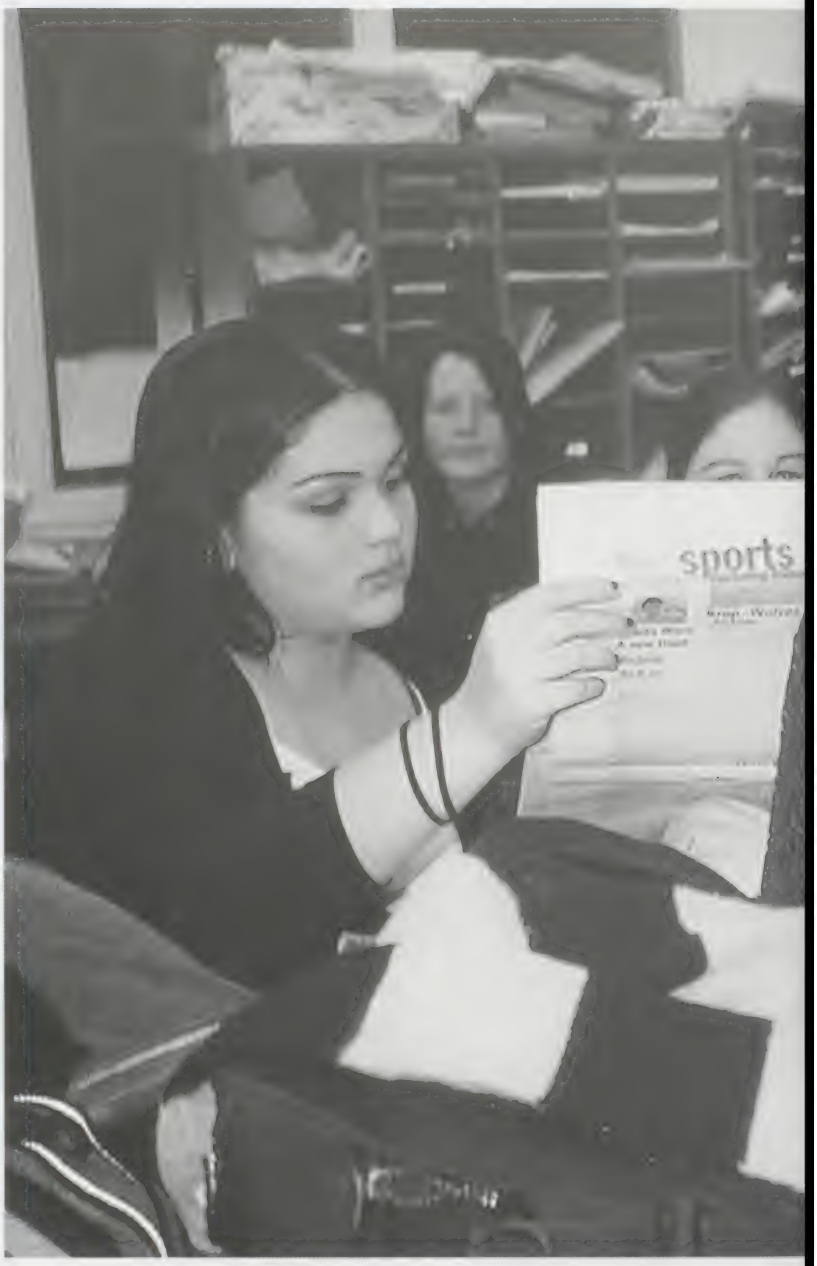


Is Kim Ho ('03) doing newspaper work or homework? We may never know.

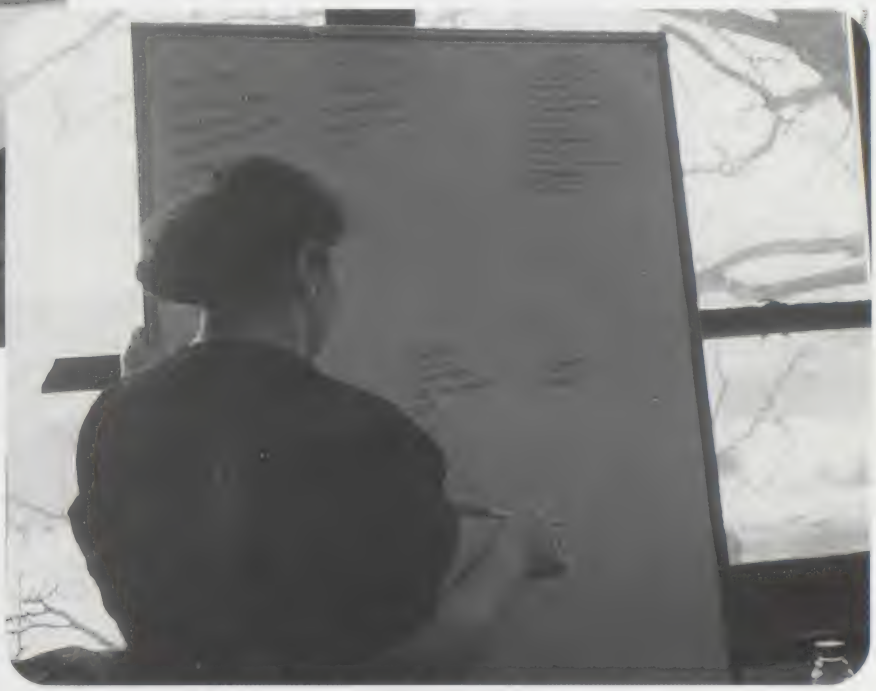
Rebecca Zavelovich ('03) and Jennifer Eng ('03), are attached at the hip! Sometimes they even show up to school dressed alike.

FEATURE . . .

"By being on the staff, you learn to deal with the fact that sometimes what you write will be criticized and not everyone will like what you write, but that's all part of journalism--to evoke awareness and stir up reaction."
Kathryn Barquez ('03)

"The hectic schedule at West Word is enough to make one retreat into his sweater."
Brian Melamed ('03)

Left: Kicking back and relaxing, Sabrina Madrigal ('04) , Ellen Berzack ('04), and Adina Klein ('05) chill and peruse the results of their hard work.



Above: During brainstorming days, everyone contributes their ideas and Jessica Rainey ('04) tries her best to write them all down. Sometimes it's difficult when everyone talks at the same time.
Left: Daniel Macsai ('04) sits diligently assigning news articles to the staff. As an editor of the news section, he has lots to do.

Designing Women

Ever wonder what the most talented women in America look like? Well, here we are! Being on Yearbook involves a lot of time and energy. There are pictures to crop, deadlines to meet, and copy to write. Though we do a lot of hard work, we also have fun, both in and out of class. Over the summer, we had a barbecue at Ms. Swanson's house and in October, we participated in the City of Hope Breast Cancer Walk and raised over $500. How rare is it that we get to see the fruits of our labor?

-- Jenny Allen

Kejal Patel ('03) carefully looks over finished pages for any mistakes. Patel takes on a lot of responsibilty as being Editor because she has to make sure that everything is completed correctly and on time.

While Anna Chaiken ('03) announces club pictures, Rachel Waddick ('04) and Eunice Kim ('04) make a few corrections before pages are sent in.

FEATURE . . .

"What I like most about Yearbook is that we have become the perfect family, dysfunction and all."
Stephanie Persaud ('03)

"I joined Yearbook because I thought it would be a good learning experience since I would like to pursue a career in Journalism."
Blance Evangelista ('03)

Front: Rachel Waddick, Brenda Teruel, Jacqueline Collens, Mama Swanson, Samantha Rosati, Loreen Targos 2nd: Virginia Palmer, Stephanie Persaud, Eunice Kim, Rachel Tarnoff, Michelle Roberts, Katie Kriticos, Amy Madhiwala Back: Blance Evangelista, Kejal Patel, Anna Chaiken, Heather Johnson, Jenny Allen, Beeta Azarnoosh, Ashlee Christian

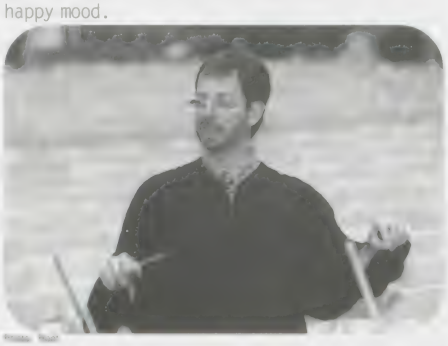
Above: Despite the cold, the Spectrum staff managed to wake up early to walk four miles to raise money for The Breast Cancer Walk.
Left: Jenny Allen ('03) and Ashlee Christian ('03) impersonate Ms. Sharon Swanson at her best. This helps relieve the stress of deadlines.

Strings, Strings, Strings

Music is very powerful. It can make a person cry, excited, sad, or happy. The Niles West Orchestra is a true demonstration of this. They have the skills to play slow and deep down-to-earth songs, as well as joyful melodies and holiday songs. Symphonic, Philharmonic, Concert, and Beginners Orchestra, led by Steven Katz, have learned to play all kinds of music in a way that deeply touch the audience. The orchestra also participates in community services, such as collecting food and the Make A Wish Foundation.

-- Eunice Kim

Sharon Chang ('04) and Christopher Bangit ('04) show that playing music can be pleasing to listen to and put you in a happy mood.



Mr. Steven Katz is conducting the orchestra at Northwestern for the Niles West graduation ceremony.

Stephanie Kwon ('03) and George Hamada ('03) prove that one instrument, the cello, can play a wide variety of music.

ORCHESTRA BOARD: Front: Amy Chiu, Mara Glasser, Caroline Fernandez, Tamara Shlyapintokh, Ajitha Kaimal, Priya Kalapurayil 2nd: Helen Kang, Monica Yancy, Anita Panjwani, Jessica Drachenberg Back: Sara Turk, George Hamada Julie Fry, Nick Chuh, Marc Davidson, Rosella Nitti, Julia Macholl. Rudra Sinharoy

SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA: Front: Sharon Chang, Christopher Bangit, Rosanna Stoia, Ronald Trinh, Teresa Lim, Kathryn Ernst, Stephannie Kwon, George Hamada 2nd: Julia Macholl, Grace Hannah Kim 3rd: Jeanne Chiu, Nicholas Chuh, Ashley Ng, Daka Weideman, Caroline Fernandez, Anne Borkowski, Ajitha Kaimal, Jee Hae Kim, Rudra Sinharoy, Michael Chon, Soyeon Kim, Linda Rusak, Kristin Flemming, Abby Reiss 4th: Amy Chiu, Lois Kwon, Martin Arago, Myrill rodriguez, Mara Glasser, Ida Eng, Lesley Kunnercheril, Julie Kim, Laura Lee, Unha Kim, Marc Davidson, Jenny Eng, Yoo Soo Kim, Helen Kang, Tiffany Loeffler Back: David Choi, Errol Rice, Mr. Steven Katz

FEATURE . . .

Photo: Eunice Kim

"Orchestra is a place for me to enjoy time with my friends and play great music at the same time."
Sharon Chang ('04)

"Being part of Orchestra was a great experience. I've been in it for three years and I'm planning to be in it next year too."
Laura Lee ('04)

Photo: Eunice Kim

Looking at Othon Gomez's ('04) facial expression, you can tell that he is concentrating on the music to make the concert a sucess.

PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: Front: Rossella Nitti, Moses Kim, Rachel Solovastru, Usha Rajbhandari, Priyanka Kalapurayil, Ioanna Dimoulis, Jimmy Ahn, Andrea Musolf 2nd: Sue Kim, Jee Sun Choi, Clarice Butacan, Maggie Wong, Alice Son, Andrea Chin, Amanda Lasher, Othon Gomez, Julie Fry, Jacob Saleh, Laura Schoepnoester, Emily Kim 3rd: Jessica Teleback, Celeste DelMundo, Gust Gianos, Elena Dimoulis 4th: Tamara Shlyapintokh, Sherry Abraham, Katerine Schmidt, Jason George, Ellie Jang, Lauren Griffen, Tony Issac, Noelle Paule, Anita Panjwani, MacJoel Irabagon, Muneeba Shariff, Hoa Nguyen Le, Andrew Vardijan, Alex Chin, Katarzyuna Chmiel, Mariel Snyder, Jennifer Casey, Barbara Williams, Giselle Ghofrani, Christine Khoury, Mihee Choe Back: Mr. Steven Katz, Danny Carnow, Eliott Large, Beth Messer, Ryan Agustin, Vanesa Roimicher, Jessica Drachenbery, Philip Kim, Amanda Merikas

CONCERT ORCHESTRA: Front: Min Kim, Tesh Frackiewicz 2nd: Monica Yancy, Tina Anezireis, Tiffany Fourkas, Kenny Hong, Zachary Mendoza, Jooho Yoon, Stamatia Mallas, Sulki Lee 3rd: Sterling Brown, Yan Zheng, Jill Sadur, Stefan Stevanoic, Mark Mangoba, Hanh Pham, Tiffany Chamnil, Sara Turk, Zachary Sagett 4th: Rae Young Kim, Robert Valverde, Linda Chikchay, Patty Tiffin, Lisa Chelampath, Gabe Villamil, Aviva Calamaro, Jessica Giuang Back: Mr. Steven Katz, Jacob Ehrenberg, Qunoot Sharafi

The Laramie Project

In 1998, a 21 year old student from the University of Wyoming, Matthew Shepard, was murdered because he was a homosexual. Russel Henderson and Aaron McKinney robbed him, beat him, tied him to a fence, and left him there to die. The town of Laramie was greatly affected by the tragic incident. Soon after it happened, Moises Kaufman and the Tectonic Theatre Company traveled to Laramie to interview the people of the town. The result was the play, "The Laramie Project."

-- Beeta Azarnoosh

The Tectonics take time out of their busy schedules to interview Matt Gallaway (Joseph Cabrera). Gallaway vividly remembers the night Matthew Shepard came into his bar.

Aaron Kreifels (Michael Ardashnikov '05) is comforted by Soand Sovsgre (Ingrid Kocjan '04). The body of Matthew Shepard has just been discovered, to everyone's horror.

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"The Laramie Project showed the message that hate really goes on in the world, and I am so happy that I got to be a part of this and everyone pulled it off very well."
Gary Kachaturian ('03)

"There were some very positive and very adverse reactions, which was nice because it meant the message was getting out."
Katherine Schmidt ('03)

Left: University of Wyoming student, Matthew Shepard, was a victim of a horrible hate crime simply because of his sexuality. The people who did this changed the lives of thousands.

Above: Doc O'Connor (Michael Budzic '04) and Reggie Fluty (Mallory Portnoy '03) break up the riot that started after the body was found. Despite the anger, frustration, and total disgust, they couldn't let the town turn into chaos.

Left: The reporters have a conversation about their trip to Wyoming and how they're going to investigate the sad life and death of Matthew Shepard.

Masterpiece Theatre

Theatre has always been one of the most respected aspects of culture and art. The Niles West Theatre Department's high standards have resulted in two amazing winter plays. "Wiley and the Hairy Man" is set in the late 1800's West. Conjuremen, magic and a monster made for an exciting evening at the theatre. "The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe" was different in that it concentrated more on character portrayal. This was the first repertory production in the history of Niles West, and was very successful.

-- Virginia Palmer and Loreen Targos

Wiley (Paul Barbato '05) and his dog (Joseph Cabrera '03) are playing after they chase away the hairy man. The only thing that the hairy man is afraid of is Wiley's dog, and Wiley gets saved many times because of this.

In "Search for Signs..." Lynn (Julia Macholl '03) sits down for a minute to talk to the audience. She tells them about her experiences through the years.

FEATURE . . .

"The dog suit was like a furry, mobile oven. It smelled like... UGH! But hey, everyone wanted to put me in their pocket and take me home. Then.. give me a bath."
Joseph Cabrera ('03)

"It was a lot of fun being a part of "The Search for Signs..." We were all able to play different personalities that actually belonged to one woman."
Sandra Israel ('04)

Left: Trudy (Mallory Portnoy '03) tells Tina (Ingrid Kocjan '04) about the space chums that she sees. Trudy's many personalities are the basis of the play.

Above: Mammy, Wiley's mom (Kate Schmid '03), a powerful conjurewoman, summons her powers to protect her son from the hairy man. Nothing can stand in her way to protect her child.

Left: Frozen in time, Agnes (Sandra Israel '04), Kate (Dale Mackey '03), and Edie (Samantha Meron '04) wait for the light to change in "Search for Signs..." Three of Trudy's personalities are shown here: an upperclass, suburban woman; a feminist; and a punk.

Lend Me a Tenor

Everyone is excited about the fact that Tito Morelli, the famous opera star, is coming to Cleveland to star in the local performance of "Othello." However, once he arrives, chaos ensues and everyone thinks he's dead. Max, an aspiring opera star who works as an employee of the opera company, takes his place, and the night is a resounding success, as was the two-cast performance at West.

-- Anna Chaiken and Jacqueline Collens

Maria explains to Saunders and Max that her husband would never miss a show as long as there are women in the performance.

Diana seduces Tito for connections to launch her singing career.

FEATURE . . .

"One of the biggest reasons my high school experience has been so enjoyable is because of theatre. It has provided me with wonderful opportunities, introduced me to people I have formed strong friendships with, and taught me a lot, not only about the art form, but about myself."
Mallory Portnoy('03)

"Farces have always been my favorite type of play. They allow you to take situations seriously, when they are really outrageous."
Julia MacHoll('03)

Photo: Jacqueline Collens

Left: Bellhops, as usual, are disturbances. Here, the bellhop apologizes to Tito Morelli's wife, Maria.

Above: "Max, I knew you could sing like Tito Morelli!" shouts Sanders. Here, Max overcomes his fear and is able to sing in front of other people.

Left: Tito is trying to commit suicide with a fork as Max tries to talk him out of it.

Art On Parade

Leonardo, Donatello, Raphael, and Michaelangelo--some students may recognize these names as the Ninja Turtles, but art students recognize their names as famous and talented artists. Whether sculpting, painting, drawing, or sketching, art class is full of choices. Art meets six times a day for four mods each day. This gives students enough time to work on their projects. Ms. Joellen Kerwin's advice to all students who want to express themselves: "Take art!"

-- Rachel Tarnoff and Rachel Waddick

Photo: Rachel Tarnoff

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Sketching is the first step to a great piece of art. These sketches are definitely promising beginnings to beautiful and accurate artwork.

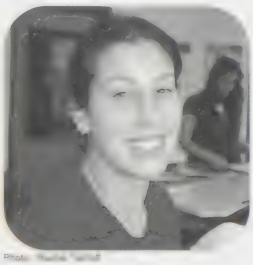
Photo: Rachel Waddick

Kimia Khalvati ('04) cuts out pictures from various magazines and organizes them into groups. She is sorting out what will hopefully make her collage interesting and eye-catching.

FEATURE . . .

"Art is a way for me to take a break from the rush of the school day."
Nicolette Pajda ('04)

"There is no better way for me to enjoy school than to take a class where I can express myself and have fun at the same time!"
Michelle Farazi ('06)



Left: Sculpting clay is tedious and delicate work, but Edura Jamal ('04) makes this job look incredibly easy.

Above: This collage depicts the imagery, feelings, and reactions that arose after September 11, 2001. Obviously, this artwork's creator was deeply affected by these events.

Left: Ryan Tallud ('04) carefully molds his clay. This heart will be fired in the kiln and will also eventually be painted.

House of Style

Remember when you went shopping and spent countless hours looking for that unique outfit, but were discouraged when you couldn't find anything? Well, have no fear: Fashion Club is here! Every year at the Fashion Show, student designers show off the outfits they create during the year. All types of styles are modeled, from prom dresses to pajamas. "Being a part of the fashion show was a great experience and I'd definitely do it again" said Carmen Mandou ('04).

-- Rachel Tarnoff

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Patriotism was visible throughout the night. Jean Attig and her daughter wear red, white, and blue while waving an American flag.

Photo: Rad

They're off to see the wizard! Well not really. This group of teachers is just showing off their Wizard of Oz inspired costumes. I wonder if the yellow brick road led them to the show!

FEATURE . . .

"As one of the coordinators of the 2002 fashion show, I know how much time and effort is put into the show. It was an amazing experience."
Lace Franks ('03)

"Being part of the fashion show was a great experience. Even though it was my first year, I learned everything from designing clothes to modeling them."
Eunice Kim ('04)

Left: Betti Horowitz ('03) poses like a professional and shows off her style at the annual fashion show.

Above: These girls seem to be ready for summer early. Gillian Ouska ('05) and Lindsey Vecchione ('05) show what to wear to keep cool during the hot Chicago summer.

Left: Lace Franks ('03) models the dress she created while being escorted across the stage by Bae Jun ('02).

Dance For Me

Can you imagine having to wake up on a Saturday morning, being at school at 8:30 am, and staying until 7:00 pm? Being part of the Orchesis Dance company not only requires good dancing technique but also energy, dedication, a love of being at Niles West for many extra hours--and a lot of sleep! This year's theme, "Dance For Me," was created by officers Kathryn Barquez, Monica Castillo, Melanie Cuaresma, and Kristina Govostis. The music ranged from classical to rap, and the dances corresponded accordingly. The show itself was a superb demonstration of many talented young dancers.

Kathryn Barquez ('03), Kristina Govostis ('03), Melanie Cuaresma ('03), and Monica Castillo ('04) are this year's Orchesis officers.

"Don't smile, act angry." were the instructions given these tough looking women in black. Obviously they took them to heart.

FEATURE . . .

"Being on Orchesis for the past four years has been the most memorable experience of my high school career."
Kristina Govostis ('03)

"The adrenaline rush you get on stage makes all the sweat and muscle aches worth it."
Kathryn Barquez ('03)

Left: Red, orange, blue, yellow, and glow sticks; this dance was a sight to see. It was choreographed by Devert Hickman, a professional who will soon be on Broadway.

Above: The Orchesis Dance Company practices their smiles before the show as they pose for a picture.

Left: Words can not describe Errol Rice's ('03) talent. His dance, "Threatened," was a favorite of many.

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Right: Pioneer Press named Tony Gragnani('03) an all area athlete this season and we can see why here as he gets a base hit.

Team M.V.Ps

"My most memorable experience was when Nick Cosmos, Nick Frank and I snuck a Chipotle burrito into the dugout."
-- Michael Zonis ('03)

"The highlight of the season was winning twenty games which was our team goal. That was a great feeling."
-- Patrick Malartsik ('03)

"Low and outside!" yells the ump, as George Kontos ('03) watches another ball cross the plate. Patience is one of the most essential skills needed to be a successful batter.

VARSITY: Front: Anthony Gragnoni, Nasir Bhanpuri, Daniel Uhle, Nicholas Frank 2nd: Michael Zonis, Patrick Schramm, Patrick Donoghue, Justin Plaia, Ari Yeganch, Kyle Heuer, Marco Ontaneda 3rd: Coach Marv Klebba, Phillip Yoon, George Kontos, Charlie Blanchard, Coach Mitch Stern, Coach Gary Gustafson Back: Billy Toy, Patrick Malartsik, Adam Parsill, Nicholas Cosmos, Michael Tomoleoni

Photo: Dana Aaronson

"Through hard work and senior leadership we had a very successful season. We ended up being ranked in the top fifteen!"
-- Coach Gary Gustafson

Boys' Baseball

Despite a lot of adversity in the 2001-2002 season, the Niles West baseball team still managed to meet their goal of twenty wins. "Team Twenty" was their nickname and it seemed to really push the guys to excel. The twenty wins included an unexpected victory over New Trier. " It was a crazy season and whoever said that there is no fighting in baseball is wrong!" said Nickolas Cosmos ('03).

The season, however, was not without injury. One of the team's last practices was visited by an ambulance from the Skokie Fire Department. While the rest of the team looked on with nervous trepidation, Dan Uhle was rushed to Rush North Shore Hospital with a broken jaw. Boy, what these guys will do for their team!

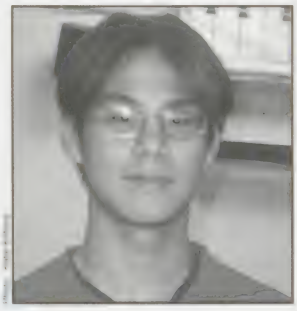
-- Anna Chaiken

JV: Front: Andy Varadijan, Ben Kim, Garret Kozlowski, Brandon Sienna 2nd: Jon Levine, Joey Galambos, Charlie Gockenbach, Eli Barba, Michael Shedroff Back: Coach Tony Konsewicz, Alex Tejeda, Michael Margolis, Michael Rosin, Gabe Candea, Chris Rizzo, Coach Joseph Serpico

Freshmen: Front: Zach Zuckerman, Alex Cbrera, Gary Roberts, Jason Yamate, Brad Karling, Mat Hohs 2nd: Peter Yoon, Max Morrison, Hollis Anderson, Matt Diaz, Tim Payne, Tim Sojka, Rick Krueger, Peter Cook, Mike Croon 3rd: Coach Bob O'Brian, Dave Dorban, Jeff Theefs, Tim Gates, Robert Nowocin, Jacob Rukin, Scott Sandalow, Coach Christopher Schwarz

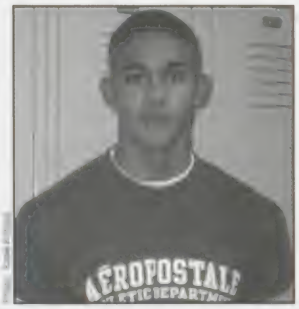
Right: Soaring straight in the air, Steve Turk ('03) stays parallel to the ground while he holds on to the bar for dear life.

Team M.V.Ps



"Our team was awesome, but I think that we could have done a lot better"
-- Ron Tain ('05)

" The team goofed around in the beginning, but became closer the harder we worked."
-- Errol Rice ('03)



Front: Bret Sher, Ishaya Shamasa, Andrew Suh, Brad Cohn, Richard Foerch, Jeff Hagopian 2nd: Shaun Guardino, Kenny Schabow, Mike Craig, Dan Poloz, Bobby Kang, Steve Sarangay, Andrew Zeisal, Paul Bialkowski Back: Coach Brandon Tucker, Errol Rice, Mike Mueller, Coach Steve Foerch, Ron Tain, Andrew Jatico, Coach Adrian Batista

As Dan Poloz ('02) practices for their meet that day, he shows off his perfect back flip as he spins through the air.

"The team had a lot of potential, but we just needed to work harder as a whole team."
-- Coach Brandon Tucker

Boys' Gymnastics

Flips, rings, and boys in flashy red tights -- that is what you see at every boys gymnastics meet. These boys put in hours in the gym, working on technique and all the routines they need to do. At every practice, the boys have new stunts they must try and other strengths they must accomplish. During last year's season, the boys worked on many things that would benefit their meets. They tried whatever they could and were quite successful. They might not have had the best season according to their record, but they had a lot of good athletes. With many new additions to West's gymnastics team, the new members had to learn a lot of new stunts and the ways a high school gymnastic team works. They hope that next season will be better than the last, planning to work even harder and more precisely on everything they do.

-- Katie Kriticos

"Oh say can you see.....,' As the national anthem plays the whole team stands respectful and stares at the flag. They say the pledge before every game, giving them strength and confidence for all their routines.

Shaun Guardino (03') shows off his unbelievable strength by staying as still as possible as he performs his routine on the rings.

You can see the determination on Carmen Mandou's ('04) face as she uses her fancy footwork to steal the ball away from the opposing team's player.

Team M.V.Ps

"Although we didn't have a great season, we all worked really hard to do our best every game. This season ended up being *AMAZING* !"
-- Kathleen Noonan ('04)

"The losses didn't matter much, because we had good times along the way. I will always remember the fun we had on the Wisconson trip and going to Flat Top Grill."
-- Corinne O'Reilly ('03)

FRESHMAN: Front: Alexandra Vesa, Swati Patel, Christine Fox, Sedna Lika, Evie Georgakopoulos, Luz Arellano, Carolynn Witt, Natalie Jacobucci 2nd Row: Coach Dawn Jacobs, Amy Bartlett, Judy Ho, Katie Schmidt, Katie Hartnett, Mary Isho, Adina Klein, Nancy Saraceno, Coach Paul Rojas 3rd Row: Annneliese Opfer, Sherry Dankha, Jennie George, Ioanna Dimoulis, Kara Perlen, Heather Garity, Sophia Harris, Monica Nunez, Lisa Khoshaba, Sam Sander Back: Gillian Ouska, Gloria Puljic, Sayeeda Kahn, Virginia Palmer, Sarah LeManna, Patty Toliopoulos, Claudine Koma, Michelle Borcoman

JV: Front: Eunice Ahn, Marissa Strassburger, Emily Maggi, Devin Jaremus, Tiffany Loeffler, Karlene Gordula 2nd: Mirjana Stimac, Michelle Rosienski, Lauren Perzov, Jodi Kane, Geline Goy, Carmen Mandou, Christina Sidiropoulos, Alexandra Quillen Back: Jessica Frank, Sarah Oline, Molly Heineman, Coach Bret Clish, Tiara Carr, Aimee Toren, Kathryn Stock

"It was very nice to see the girls make so much progress. By the end of the season we were able to move many girls on the B-team to the A-team!"
-- Coach Dawn Jacobs

Girls' Soccer

Despite the fact that some of the girls seemed a bit too concerned with whether or not they should be allowed to wear tank tops or how "attractive" the male coaches were, the girls' soccer team still managed to focus on sprints, drills, and scoring goals. Distractions or not, practicing after school brought a feeling of camaraderie that made the girls play strongly and effectively. "We all became good friends, both on and off on the field," said Anneliese Opfer ('05).

"We had a lot of good times, and shared a lot of inside jokes," added Virginia Palmer ('05). Even though the team had a less than stellar season, the importance of working together and bonding made each of the girls feel positive about her teammates. Everything that the girls learned this year will help the seasons to come to be even better!

-- Stephanie Persaud

VARSITY: Front: Kathleen Noonan, Andrea Roiniotis, Kaitlynn Radtke 2nd: Kary Zarate, Ida Plaza, Sandra Borto Jenny Fortman, Jessica Patera, Corinne O'Reilly, Alex Harris, Ioanna Halkias Back: Coach Chris Barnett, Marissa Spitz, Eileen Ouska, Laura Gross, Ashleih Bushman, Alison Stephens, Coach Scott Ackman

Whoosh! Jessica Patera ('04) sprints across the field to help defend her team's goal. This sophomore added a lot by bringing her pure skill to the varsity team.

Right: And she's safe! Anna Chaiken ('03) fakes out her Viking opponent as she slides back into first base.

Team M.V.Ps

"Our team's success was due to the determination, hard work, and unity of our team."
-- Jodi Henriksen ('03)

"In the beginning, many people underestimated us because of our young team. In the end, we overcame the odds, and did better than anyone expected us to do."
-- Kimberly Edwardson ('04)

FRESHMAN: Front: Lindsey Lerner, Melissa Alleguez, Karen Wolf, Laura Pisula 2nd: Heather Harmston, Christine Khoury, Khrista Harris, Malori Peters, Hailey Granatelli Back: Vivian Khabeer, Sterling Brown, Jessica Plaia, Maura Malartsik, Ashley Kennedy, Coach Ray Carr

JUNIOR VARSITY: Front: Brittney Lindstrom, Erin Finnicum, Jennifer Natkin, Courtney Tutt 2nd: Kari Chaiken, Dena Guminak, Christine DePaolis, Colleen Kearns, Emilee Wolinetz, Rachel Tarnoff Back: Jessica Stoneberg, Maegan Duffy, Anne LeManna, Brianne Sander, Coach Susan Schram

"I was so proud of the girls for their amazing accomplishments. They came out on top as one of the top four teams in the sectional."
-- Coach Steven Ramseyer

Girls' Softball

Despite a rocky start to the season, the varsity softball team ended the season with a bang. Advancing to the Regional Championships, the team went in strong and dominated Maine South in the championship game, making Niles West the 2002 Softball Champions. This was a huge accomplishment, since Niles West had lost to Maine South both times in regular season games and had not earned the prestigious title of Regional champions since 1979. It was a very competitive year considering the difficult conference rivalries and the young age factor of the team.

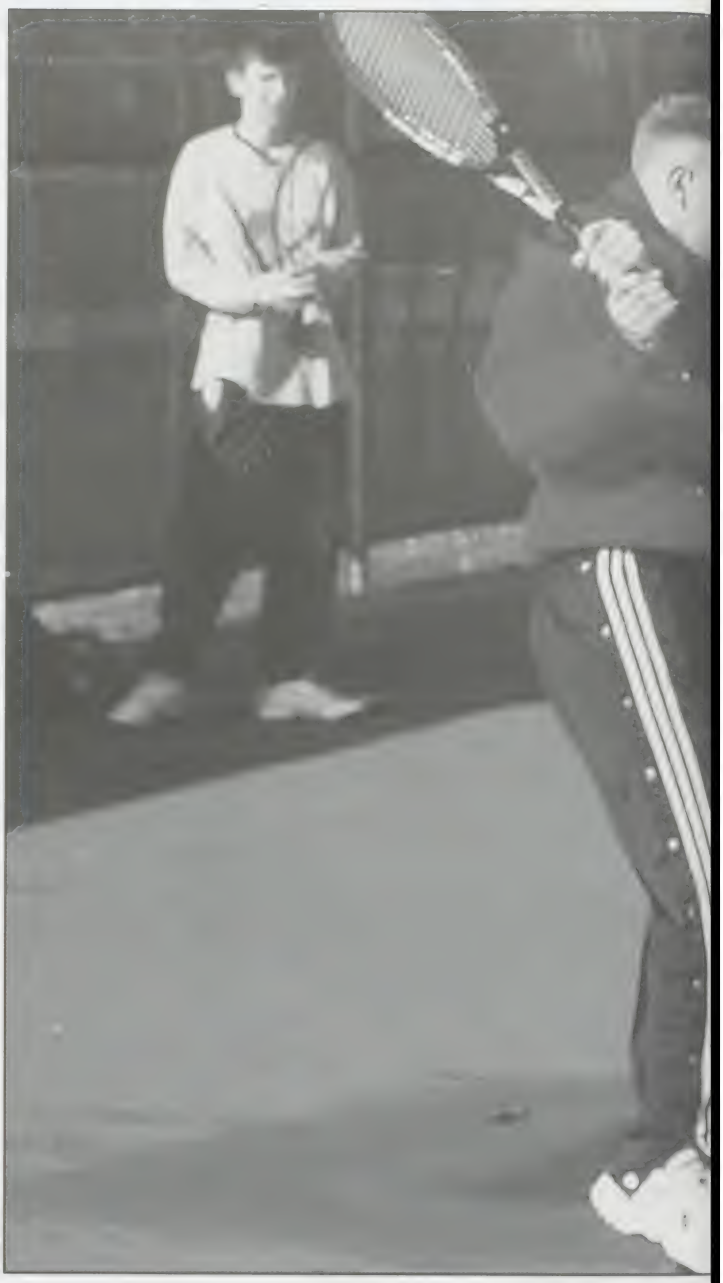
The softball season was not just about practices and games; it was also about having fun and forming strong relationships with each other. One memorable game was the game against the Loyola Academy Ramblers. "It was the bottom of the ninth, and we were down by two. Kim Edwardson was up to bat and she made a huge hit, resulting in a victory," commented Beeta Azarnoosh. The girls put their minds and hearts into their love for the game, resulting in a fantastic season.

-- Michelle Roberts

VARSITY: Front: Heather Hohs, Kimberly Edwardson, Christine Carnate 2nd: Emily Scheler, Heather Johnson, Beeta Azarnoosh, Jodi Henriksen, Colleen Corrigan, Karen Hohs Back: Anna Chaiken, Jennifer Gianos, Head Coach Steven Ramseyer, Caroline Topolinski, Nicolette Larsen

The varsity softball team unites in a cheer before their big game. Teamwork is an essential part of the success of the team.

Right: Before the summer construction began, the tennis courts constantly had puddles on rainy days and the cracks all over the courts were a nuisance. After construction, the courts were redone and the surface looked new. Even when the courts were not perfect, Todd Matten ('03) continued to practice his backhand swings. This shows how persistent these players are.



Team M.V.Ps

"This season was extra special because I had the chance to play with my closest friends. Coach Wilson disciplined us well and served as an inspiration."
-- Brad Sachar ('03)

"The transition from the freshman team to junior varsity was very different. There was more confidence and experience which helped us finish with a 6-5 record."
-- Cezar Leynes ('04)

Age is not a factor when it comes to tennis. Skills, agility, and talent are the qualities that count. Smiling his way into the varsity team, Lee Cohn ('05) was the only freshman who played for varsity during the 2001-2002 season.

FROSH-SOPH: Front: Jason Ang, Jeff Elster, Cezar Leynes, Marc Klein 2nd: Thompson Nguyen, Angel Bakov, Zaki Ali, Scott Kang, Lester Chan, Scott Mita Back: Adam Cimochwicz, Doug Kim, Coach Ron Gralewski, Dimitris Lusciks, Robert Filip

"This team showed a degree of dedication unmatched by other Niles West tennis teams."
-- Coach Brad Wilson

Boys' Tennis

Even before the season began, the Boys' Tennis teams already had a lot on their mind. With school construction blocking the south tennis courts, the guys had no choice but to practice in the courts by the front of the parking lot. But that's not all. The season began with many cancelled and rescheduled games due to rain. Despite all these dilemmas, the team managed to complete a successful season and were not discouraged by the numerous problems they encountered.

The battle for Central Suburban League supremacy was the ultimate goal of the tennis team. During off season, they played and stayed fit by playing at one of the area tennis clubs. Discipline and perseverance on the players' part gave encouragement to the coaches about the possibilities of success throughout the season. The coaches' hope for success came true when West defeated Maine East 4-3, obtaining the Central Suburban League supremacy. Everyone's contribution made the season worthwhile and their title was well deserved.

-- Blance Evangelista

VARSITY: Front: Jeremy Klein, Lee Cohn, Aaron Cohn, Ivan Kirincic, Todd Matten Back: Brandon Mita, Steve Thomas, Coach Brad Wilson, Suneeth Samuel, Jerry Lambrinatos

The cold weather did not stop Armand Ladlad ('02) from practicing his swings. It's about 45 degrees outside but all the running and swinging keeps them warm. Keep it up!

Right: The Niles West Track Boys', Frederick Javier ('02), Jorge Perez ('04), and Nickolis Kapsalis ('02), leave their competition behind as they leap over hurdles.

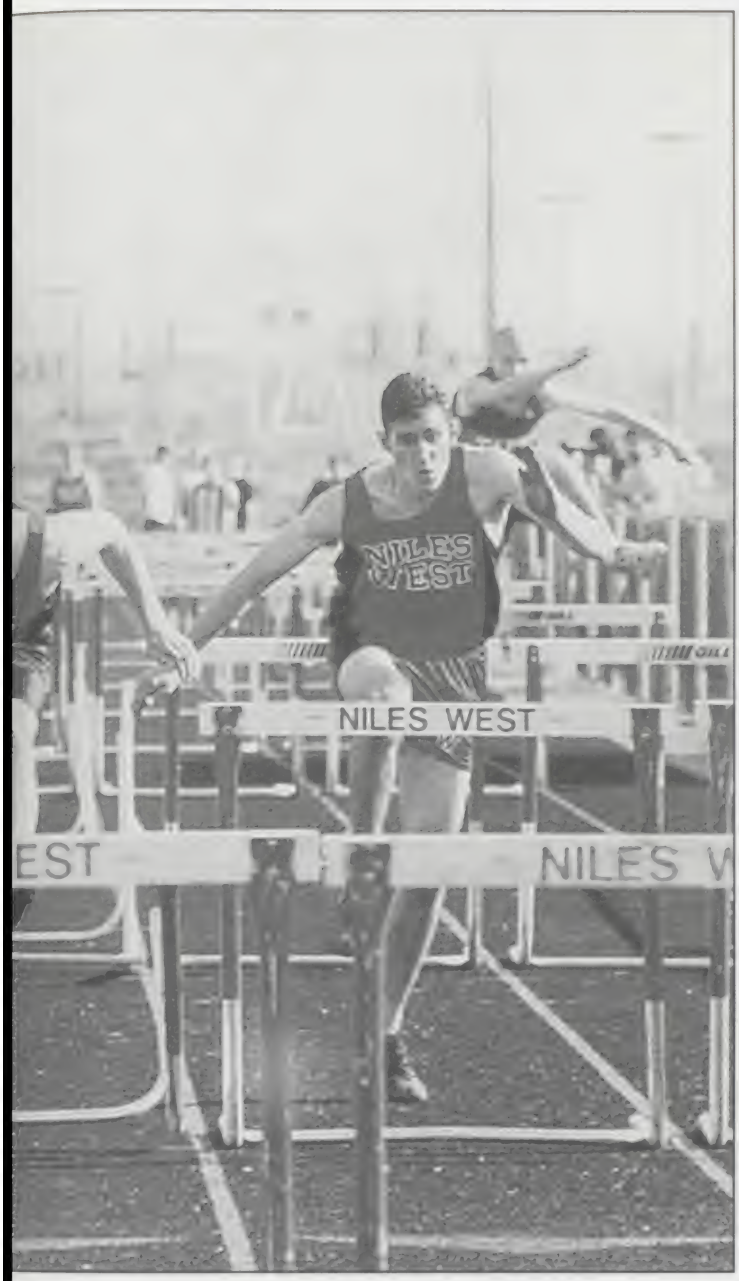
Team M.V.Ps

"The essence of achievement isn't victory or defeat, but rather what you did to get there."
-- Thomas Chin ('04)

"Hard work and dedication goes into learning how to throw. Not just anyone can do it."
-- Micheal Johanson ('04)

FRESHMAN: Front: Richard Ramos, Melvin Stanistaus, Raymond Mok, Emmanuel Palma Second: Zeeshan Dhanani, Steven Gonzales, Robert Metellos, Boris Goetz, John Diaz, Max Maksomovic, Issac Lobo Top: Coach Dan Savage, Jason Chu, Rashard Mendenhall, Chris Kinslow, Brett Kopf, Tommy Maddex, Jake Cusack, Coach Chris Vivone

SOPHOMORES: Front: Mohammed Ahmed, Jin-Ho Lee, Thomas Chin, Jorge Perez, Bowen Chow, Steven Kang 2nd: George Michael, Steven Berkley, Shaun Ralph, Michael Long, Walter Mendenhall, Eric Granlund, Patrick Nikodem Back: Coach Savage, Michael Grossman, MikhailArtemchik, Coach Clay Keller, Mike Johanson, Michael Massoth, Coach Jim DiMaria



"Track has helped me gain speed, strength, and a desire to try harder."
-- Steven Kang ('04)

Boys' Track

The 2002 Boys' Track and Field team was the best in school history. It took a few years to reach this point but the result was phenomenal. The team won its 1st IHSA sectional title and advanced 18 athletes to the state meet.

According to Coach Mark Egofski, it was the athletes who worked the hardest by pushing themselves towards victory. Passion and dedication were the ingredients needed as they bared through strenuous practices, intense workouts, and of course, many therapy sessions from the trainer.

"Track has helped me experience what being on a team feels like," commented Bowen Chow ('04.) "We are always working together and we push each other to our limits."

-- Amy Madhiwala

VARSITY: Front: Bryon Serran, Eric Aponte, Craig Kaneshiro, Farhan Tariq 2nd: Jimmy Sarivasilis, Bowen Chow, Aron Sullivan, Safdar Kahn, Mark Siegal, Chris Regidor, Bryon Wicken, Steven Kang, 3rd: Coach Pat Savage, Coach Mike Fontana, Alex Elman, Coach Mark Egofski, Coach Ron Campbell, Coach Chris Vivone, Coach Clay Keller, Coach Dan Savage, Coach Jim DiMaria 4th: Martin Camargo, Jorge Perez, Norman Moore, Emmanuel Simon, Lonnie Williams, James Ralph, Joe Isho, Mark Flores 5th: Anil Phillip, Joseph Ficek, Walter Mendenhall, Christopher Kapsalis, Daniel Kosilba, Evans Alexander, Frederick Javier Back: William Chang, Nicholas Kapsilis, Alex Filin, David Johanson, Micheal Johanson, Anton Mykhaylov

With an arched back and straight arms, Martin Camargo ('02) glides effortlessly over the high jump.

Right: You can tell practices pay off as Elena Boyarsky ('04) and Doris Bella ('04) prepare to breeze past the competition.

Team M.V.Ps

"My favorite memory of track is when it's the last race of the meet and everyone does the wave as our runners run by."
-- Alisa Kusolvisitkul ('03)

"My first year downstate was a very memorable experience. I hope to do it again in the coming years."
-- Julia Varsamis ('04)

Niles West leads off in the relays. This event is a favorite among the girls because it really gives them the chance to work together.

Track isn't all running. Junelle Bennett ('05) masters the long jump as she leaps with perfect form into the sand pit.

"I felt we had a successful season. We had several school records broken; at the same time, I felt that several key injuries hurt our chances of qualifying more girls to the State Meet. Even with the injuries, the girls never gave up--they always put forth outstanding efforts."
-- Coach Mark Medland

Girls' Track

"On your marks... get set... GO!" The Niles West girls explode past the start line and into the lead. Their long, exhausting practices definitely paid off. With two athletes advancing to state, many wondered, "How'd they do it?"

"Practice, practice and more practice!" said Coach Mark Medland. He and the other coaches encouraged the girls to set goals at the beginning of the season and work hard to meet and even exceed them.

Most of the girls on track run with both the indoor and outdoor teams. That means long practices every day from January until May. Elena Boyarsky ('04) stated, "Track is hard work but I wouldn't give it up for anything. "

-- Loreen Targos

Mentality is an important part of running. Caroline Fernandez ('05) puts in her last ounce of strength as she pushes to beat Hersey.

Front: Jennifer King, Maggie Leisner, Erica Kim, Chizu Rivera 2nd: Jean Mok, Sabrina Lakhani, Caroline Fernandez, Ak Paramadilok, Kristin Hanaoka 3rd: Claritess Sarangay, Kelly Hanaoka, Teresa Lim, Lori Sahakian, Nicole Nejati, Na Le, Tanya Dudkina, Melissa Mazur, Jean Klos, Daniela Ojeda, 4th: Melissa Angel, Yvonne Palmer, Dorine Bella, Coach Anne Heselton, Coach Colleen Davis, Coach Mark Medland, Coach Emily de Guzman, Coach Jim DiMaria, Jori Glassner, Brandy Harrison, Kari O'Brien 5th: Malli Castro, Laura Phillips, Lindsay Handler, Karina Shah, Danielle Willer, Julia Varsamis, Sarah Trilling, Erin Donnelly, Doris Bella, Misa Rivera 6th: Hailee Sullivan, Lorraine Ishida, Junelle Bennett, Luz Cardenas, Catherine Kowalczyk, Christine Gloriosa, Kristina Miceli, Katherine Stachowicz, Elena Boyarsky Back: Rachelle Lenesca, Valerie Papillon, Junette Bennet, Nicole Lamarr, Barbara Williams, Sherley Delma, Jennifer Klein, Alisa Kusolvisitkul

Right: Elliot Sang ('05) set the ball up for Brian Sumague ('04) to spike it for victory. Sang's effort made him the only freshman on the JV-team.

Team M.V.Ps

"Being in varsity was hard at first but it got better. I gained more confidence after every conference."
-- Albert Tamondong ('04)

"How did I make varsity?"
-- Yooshin Kim ('04)

FRESHMAN A: Front: Ryan Anantaphong, Vlad Borun, Jorge Lopez 2nd: Christopher McKinney, Andrew Holmblad, Jeffrey Greenwood, Andrew Mallorca, Michael Chon, Sean Nilapant Back: Coach Charles Corrigan, Miles Kilgallon, Patrick Ryan, Christopher Johnson, Coach Leah Carter

FRESHMAN B: Front: Jonathon Kollath, Martin Arago, Max Lee 2nd: Jonathan Limjoco, Justin Eusebio, Tim O'Reilly, Alan Martin, Eric Meiri, Stephan Park Back: Coach Charles Corrigan, Joseph Lee, Randy Chi, Sam Park, Coach Leah Carter

"Volleyball is a great sport, mentally and physically."
-- Sean Nilapant ('05)

Boys' Volleyball

The boys' volleyball team overcame many challenges this year and by the end of the season they were able to build a stronger team. Their hard work paid off for the freshman volleyball team, which went undefeated in conference, and for the juniors who gained varsity experience.

According to Coach Sinnick, this year was very competitive and the boys couldn't seem to "capture the wins. The record doesn't reflect the way we played, considering that we were inexperienced and not tall," she added. In addition, Captain Adam Hayden ('02) was out for half the season because of illness, which hurt the team. On the other hand, there were a lot of players this year who achieved their goals. For instance, Victor So ('03) was named to the all-conference team. He said, "This year was a season where I was able to find my role on the team, as a leader, role model, and player." Attitudes like So's helped the year end on a positive note.

-- Eunice Kim

JV: Front: Christopher Bangit, Maulin Shah, Elliot Sang, Joo Ho Yoon, Pratik Patel, Brian Sumague Back: Mark Tkaczuk, Eric Wolinitz, Coach Teri Langston, Amar Smajlovic, Joshua Manego

VARSITY: Front: Jacob Lee 2nd: Victor So, George Gates, Albert Tamondong, Edward Paramadilok, Edward Kim, Christopher Kimura, Aldwin Castillo Back: Yooshin Kim, Steve Jang, Adam Hayan, Coach Jenifer Sinnick, Peter Nelson, Anthony Nevalga, John Park

Right: "1, 2, 3 WEST!" These words can be heard before each race as the boys huddle together to support one another.

Team M.V.Ps

"It was a competitive season. We're a young team, so we have to work hard at pushing ourselves."
--Michael Grossman ('04)

"We ran well this season. We've got a strong group of young runners and I'm excited to see what next year will bring."
-- Erik Granlund ('04)

JV/VARSITY: Front: Raymond Mok, Bryan Wickert, Sagar Patel 2nd: Thomas Chin, Joseph Wattenbarger, Michael Long, Max Maksimovic Back: Coach Pat Savage, William Chiang, Syed Ahmad, Michael Grossman, Coach Vachee Loughran

By looking at Adam Chambers' ('06) face, you can see his determination to finish this race to the best of his ability.

"Running is not just a sport but a life time achievement."
-- Thomas Chin ('04)

Boys' X-Country

Running to Lincolnwood, Evanston, Skokie, and Niles every week doesn't tire out the boys' cross country team. Their two and a half hours of practice each day consisted of a two mile jog, stretching, and running 135 meters up hill over the Oakton bridge. This led to a winning record for all three levels.

Each individual was confident and could feel an adrenaline rush before every race. "There is nothing that can compare to the exhilarating feeling of flowing with the wind as you win races and set personal records," said Coach Pat Savage. This year was an amazing accomplishment for boys' cross country.

-- Eunice Kim

Erik Granlund ('04) and Bryan Wickert ('03) sprint ahead of Maine South to win the race.

Michael Grossman's ('04) endurance and constant speed keep him ahead of all the other runners.

As the shot is sounded, the herd of girls start their long journey toward the far-away finish line.

Team M.V.Ps

"Running gives me a sense of satisfaction. It makes me feel like I have accomplished a big goal in my life."
-- Laura Phillips ('04)

"Being on Cross Country has been a big part of high school for me. It has been a great experience with so many great memories."
--Catherine Kowalczyk ('03)

Front: Charisma Chotalia, Samantha Sander, Maham Lodhi, Courtney Finnicum, Kristin Hanaoka 2nd: Jackie King, Fyeqa Sheikh, Doris Bella, Laura Phillips, Lorraine Ishida, Malli Castro, Sophia Harris, Stephanie Shu Back: Catherine Kowalczyk, Allison Peck, Coach Eric Kaiser, Coach Heidi Splinter, Coach Nikki Reynolds, Alisa Kusolvisitkul, Brianne Sander

Catherine Kowalczyk ('03) comes in strong, finshing the race ahead as she laps in clearly before everyone else. Kowalczyk has been part of Cross Country for the past four years, one of the top runners in the program.

"Cross Country has been a great start to high school"
-- Jackie King ('06)

Girls' X-Country

Running as fast as the wind is what these cross country girls do. In their flashy red uniforms, it's not hard at all to spot them at every track meet. Every day they practice, rain or shine, snow or sleet. They run miles for their warm-ups and finish with sprints and hundreds of crunches. These girls are trained hard to be the best that they can be, and that is exactly what happened. With all their hard work, members of the team placed first in almost all their races and others advanced during the season, becoming more and more successful with each race.

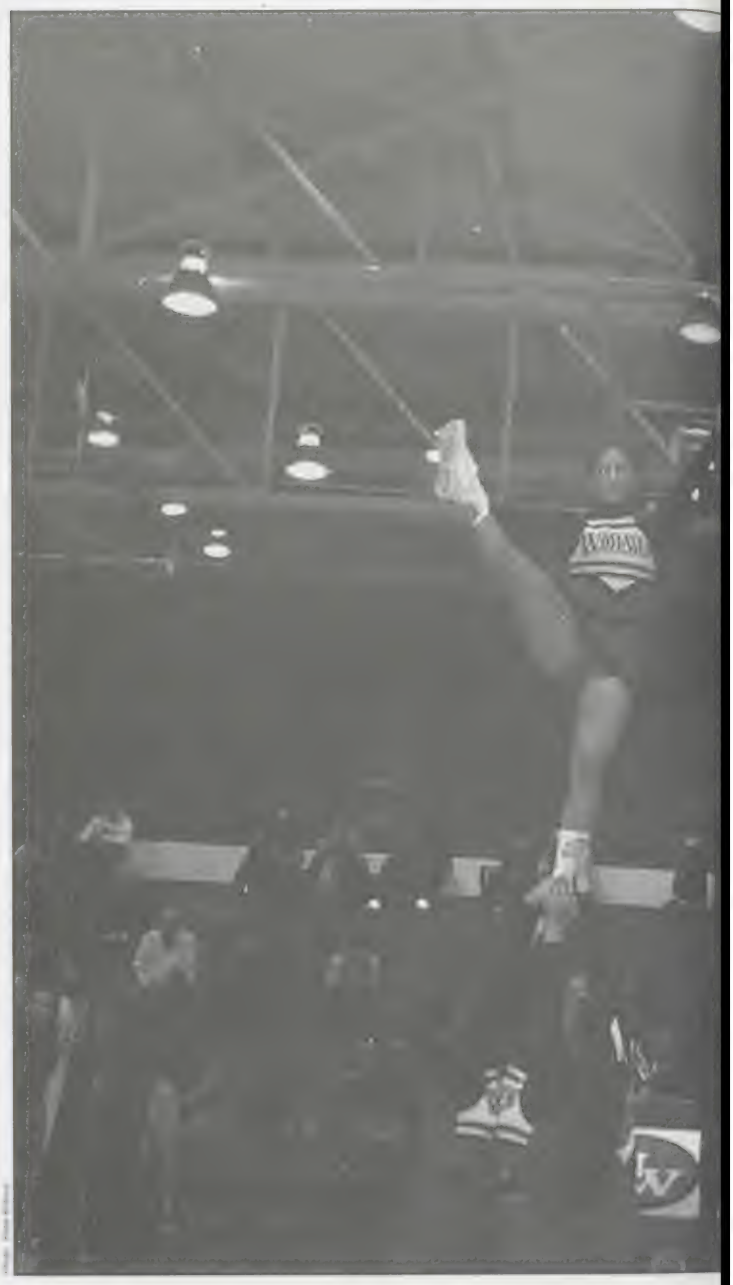
It doesn't matter what time it is or how long they're there for, these girls love to run. They'll do whatever it takes to be known and respected as a well rounded high school cross country team.

-- Katie Kriticos

"Rain, rain go away." Because of a slight rain delay, the team sits in the baseball dugout waiting for the rain to clear. Running in the rain might be fun, but it can interfere with the run of the race.

Charisma Chotalia ('05) shows off what kind of hard work it takes to run in a track meet. You can see the weariness in her face after finishing the long race.

Right: End mounts can be the hardest part of a performance, but the varsity squad makes it look easy with this difficult mount.



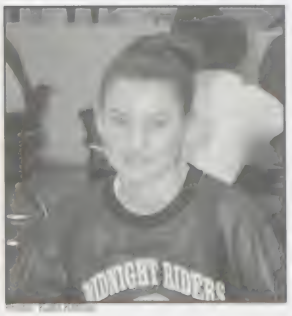
Team M.V.P.s

"I can honestly say that being on the cheerleading squad has had an enormous effect on my life. I've made so many new friendships as well as re-kindled old ones. Cheerleading is a family and friendship. It's something everyone at Niles West should aspire to."
-- Joanna Park ('03)

"Cheerleading isn't about the games or competitions but it's really about the friendships you make with the other girls who you spend 9 months out of the year with. We learn things about each other and have made memories in 4 years that will never fade."
-- Kelley Stein ('03)

JV: Front: Monica Nunez, Sophia Patelidas, Jessie Holub Back: Sarah Rodeghero, Dana Jaremus, Carrie Baffes, Coach Aleka Landon

VARSITY: Front: Lia Palivos, Kristina Tracy, Corina Nasui 2nd: Kathy Benetatos, Kelley Stein, Emily Gonzales, Nicole Amsberry, Katie Kriticos, Roma Bavar, Jennelyn Noche Back: Coach Mindy Slutzky, Lace Franks, Erin Donnelly, Jessica Scharaga, Maryann Arsenijevic, Lauren Pantazis, Joanna Park



"I am very proud of our squad this year because we've done our best to show our school what cheerleading is all about. And we're finally able to make cheerleading be known as a respectable sport."
-- Corina Nasui ('03)

Cheerleading

At Niles West, cheerleading is not even thought of as a sport and people who think so are ridiculed. But what people don't know is how hard these girls really work. They practice from 3:00 to 5:00 for almost 9 months. Their practices start off with stretching; then three days a week they begin with crunches, push-ups, kicks, and jumps. After they finish with their warm ups they begin their grueling practice. Usually after warming up they start their building stunts. Their stunts look almost impossible to do; girls being held up while they stand on one foot, while being tossed and twirled into the air like they are part of a circus act.

During this year, the varsity squad felt more like a family than just a group of 16 girls. Even though they had a rough year, they always came together and worked hard. The practices can be very stressful but all you will see is a squad of girls having the time of thier lives.

-- Katie Kriticos

JV: Front: Monica Nunez, Julie Barker 2nd: Jessie Holub, Katie Schmidt, Carrie Baffes Back: Anna Dvorkin, Dana Jaremus, Sophia Patelidas, Kandice Cooley, Khrista Harris

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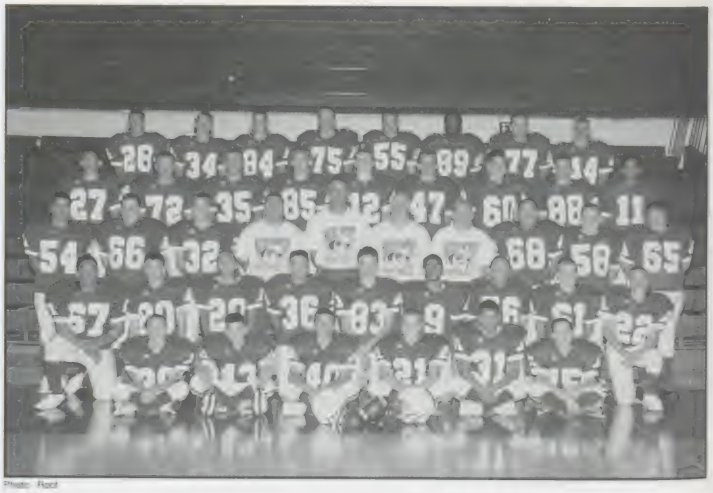
Right: No need to fear, Rashard Mendenhall('05) is here! The ball in his hand is a guarantee for good yardage.

Team M.V.P.s

"We have a good team this year. We have lost some key players from last year's team, but the seniors this year stepped up in the off-season and have taken our play to the next level."
-- Nicholas Cosmos and Nicholas Frank ('03)

"There is no feeling in the world that is better than playing under the lights on Friday night."
-- Walter Mendenhall ('04)

Coach Mark Rigby has the players' attention as he gets them ready for the next play. The Wolves shut down Waukegan in the homecoming game.



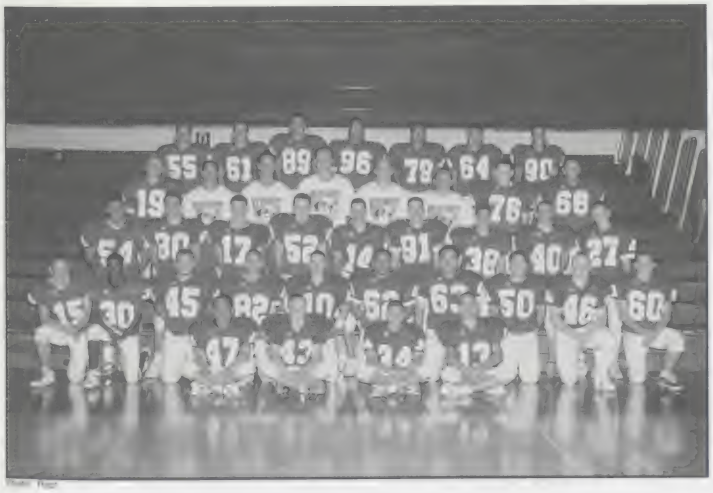
FRESHMAN: Front: Michael Donnelly, Johnathon Bartholomew, Robert Santiago, Joshua Fisch, Alexis Gatica, Aaron Friedman 2nd: Kaiser Pecson, David Fox, Daniel Camargo, Erick Guzman, Clint Senensky, Ali Bhanpuri, Marcos Santiago, Joseph Falcoviz, Mitchell Collens 3rd: Ryan Boldt, Matt Goebel, Teddy Kupiec, Coach Mario Faso, Coach Gary Gustafson, Coach Steve Ramseyer, Coach Jamie Krezminsky, Wesley Chow, Brian Stephans, Christopher Jaglinski 4th: Jack Targos, Matthew Shimenovsky, Michael Poloz, Matthew Ceisel, Parker Amsberry, Jeffrey Springer, Scott Barman, David Nejad, Tabish Parvez Back: George Howe, Alex Will, William Oline, Zachary Jarosz, Thomas Gustafson, Kervin Delma, Johnathon Alvarado, Scott Dahm

"We really had a great year and it really kept us going, seeing the stands packed every Friday night, especially that Maine West game when our fans stormed the field after the game."
-- Jeffrey Maher ('03)

Touchdown Wolves!

Only 2.9 seconds left in the game... Niles West is down by four, and the Wolves are on the one yard line; this is their last chance to score. "Hike!" The ball is snapped to Daniel Uhle and he whips it to Mark Krier in the end zone to win the game against Main West 30-27! "Senior year football was the most memorable athletic season of my life, highlighted by the most excited game I've ever been a part of--the game against Main West," said Mark Krier.

-- Samantha Rosati



SOPHOMORE: Front: Richard Ramos, Steven Vanderporten, Matthew Hohs, Emmanuel Arredondo 2nd: Jason Yamate, Melvin Stanislaus, Michael Croon, Mahey Edin, Timothy Payne, Osmar Santiago, Yoo Soo Kims, Dimitri Dalles, Dmitriy Pikovskiy, Zachary Zukerman 3rd: Max Estes, Cary Anastasladis, James Kane, Alex Nagyivan, Timothy Sojka, Evan Carmaliety, Dave Petrovis, Gregory Dorband, Timothy O'Reilly 4th: Christopher Johnson, Coach Chris Vivone, Coach Charles Corrigan, Coach Tony Konsewicz, Coach Bryan Wittersheim, Coach Chris Schwarz, Bryan Gartner, Gust Gianos Back: Thomas Maddex, Brett Kopf, Gregory Eastman, Dean Santarinala, Camille Cardenas, Kris Kinslow, Christopher Toy

VARSITY: Front: Brian McGovern, Ivan Oliviera, Ryan Brkljacic, Thomas Mahler, David Ianotti, Nayan Patel, Daniel Griffen 2nd: Ivan Kirincic, Mario Ontaneda, Daniel Uhle, Jeffrey Maher, Kevin Henrick, George Lappas, Nicholas Frank, Eric Courtney, George Michael, Jon Levine 3rd: Kendra Trilling, Coach Joe Galambos, Coach Bob Deleonardi, Coach Mark Egofske, Joseph Galambos, Michael Noonan, Stephen Coorlas, Coach Mark Rigby, Coach Jim DiMaria, Coach Jim Dihu, Brian Katzman 4th: Patrick Milott, Stephan Thomas, Jake Cusack, Andrew Johnson, Benjamin Krop, Jason Baumong, Michael Ferker, Damien Kulikowski, Rashard Mendenhall, Joseph Ficek 5th: Blerim Delisi, Daniel John Kosiba, Edgar Mourans, Mark Krier, Brenden McKenna, Walter Mendenhall, Sean McNeela, Michael Pantazis, Michael Archam Back: David Kopf, Larry Frank, Michael Tomoleoni, Nicholas Cosmos, Michael Artemchik, Michael Johanson, Marty Gibbs, Peter Lucas

Right: Christopher McKinney ('05) tees off with a driver on hole 8 and watches the flight of the ball through the air.

Team M.V.Ps

"We had an extremely productive season. Daily practice along with great coaching from Coach Zera and Coach Stern helped all of us improve our golf game during the season."
-- Marc Klein ('05)

"Although I was slightly disappointed with my individual season, I felt that the team as a whole did a great job and we had lots of fun."
-- Paul Brown ('03)

Front: Danny Kim, J. P. Manipon, Peter Dubs, Jordan Rothstein, Nickolas Leevanthana, Marc Klein 2nd: Troy Spikok, Steven Gullen, Christopher McKinney, Michael Craig, Jon Limjoco, Josh Park Back: Coach Tom Zera, David Johnson, Robert Wand, Paul Brown, George Kontos, Timothy Strauch, Coach Mitch Stern

Peter Dubs ('03) expertly lines up a putt during a meet at Tam Golf Course. This action is necessary in order to make an accurate putt and get the ball in the hole.

"Golf is a sport that not many people can excel at and we had 18 players who were pretty talented golfers."
-- Coach Mitch Stern

Golf

The smell of the newly-cut grass, the feel of the club in one hand, the texture of the ball in the other and the scenery around the course all contribute to the appeal of this sport. Golf is a game that involves concentration, skill, and precision in order to succeed. This year's golf team is one which had these skills and used them to achieve a record above 500, which hasn't been done in over ten years. They won nine out of their fifteen games, and placed fourth at conference. Not bad for getting to enjoy the great outdoors!

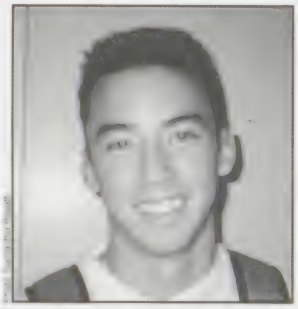
-- Virginia Palmer

Paul Brown ('03) marks his score down on his score sheet after another round, as his caddy gratefully takes a sip of water to help cool off from the heat.

Having already taken into account the distance of the ball from the hole and the slope of the hill, Jon Limjoco ('05) hits the ball directly into the hole with a perfect putt.

Right: With the enemy surrounding him, Ryan Verissimo ('06) makes a quick maneuver and moves the ball around the other team to pass to a fellow wolf.

Team M.V.P.s



"My teammates were an outstanding group of athletes. There is no other group of guys I would rather play soccer with!"
-- Tyler Heidtke ('03)

"When we played as a unit, we were as good as anyone in the state. The hardest part was just getting everyone on the same page for every game."
-- Brandon Corday ('04)

FRESHMAN: Front: Johnathan Eng, Eric Gaode, Joseph Demonte, Jeffery Rosienski, James Kriticos Back: Jorge Gomez, Daniel Cruk, Colin Kilgallon, Coach Anthony Serafini

SOPHOMORE: Front: Marco Aviles, Andrew Suh, Jessi Sanchez 2nd: Matthew Hawk, Andrew Zeisel, Timothy Burns, Eric Meiri, Michael Heller, Ian Sato Back: Coach Brett Clish, Stevan Jovcic, Miles Kilgallon, Ian Masterton, Milica Zivkovic

"This season was a lot of fun especially with all of the ups and downs."
-- Coach Scott Ackman

Boys' Soccer

Starting off the summer with well-conditioned boys, the boys' soccer season started off strong. "We did well early on, especially at the Rockford Tournament," said Coach Scott Ackman. As the opponents got tougher, the team members were forced to work together even more in order to come out ahead. "We were even able to score two goals against Evanston!" said Coach Brett Clish.

All around, the boys' soccer teams had a lot of talent. "We even had five freshmen who started almost every game," Coach Clish proclaimed proudly. Under the strong leadership of the varsity players, the lower ranks will prove to have many more successful seasons in the years to come.

-- Stephanie Persaud

VARSITY: Front: Tony Lambropoulos, George Halkias, Steven Kang, Bowen Chow, Edgar Sanchez 2nd: Tyler Heidtke, Geogy Vennikandam, David Hawk, Bill Souferis, Ryan Verissimo, Paul Souferis, Brandon Corday, Adrian Lovera 3rd: Ivan Paunovic, Roberto Jaimes, Coach Bill Papaionnou, Coach Chris Schwarz, Coach Scott Ackman, Charles Lambropoulos, Othon Gomez Back: Javier Vega, Carlos Zarate, Michael Margolis, Michael Verissimo, Nicholas Tarzian, Tony Buljubasic

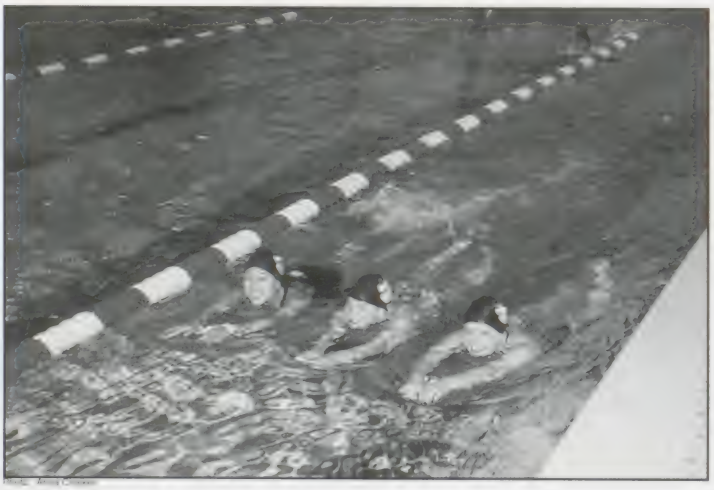
Heads up! Talk about being hard headed! Vladimir Borun ('05) uses his strong head to keep the ball moving in a tough, head-wrenching game. Headstrong Borun proves the heady old adage, "It is good to think with your head."

Right: Ina Buric ('04), Misako Rivera ('04), Kari Chaiken ('04) and Anna Chaiken ('03) pose underwater after morning practice.

Team M.V.P.s

"Swimming isn't dedication, it's insanity!"
-- Jessica Frank ('04)

"I had a lot of fun jumping on all the swimmers as they tried to complete their main set! It was fun to see them all choke on the waves, and hit the lane line."
-- Virginia Palmer ('05)



Jennifer Eng ('03), Heather Benson ('04) and Anna Chaiken ('03) smile while completing a kick set. The workout must have been easy for these girls to take time to pose!

Jennifer Eng ('03) glides through the water as she finishes her butterfly swim.

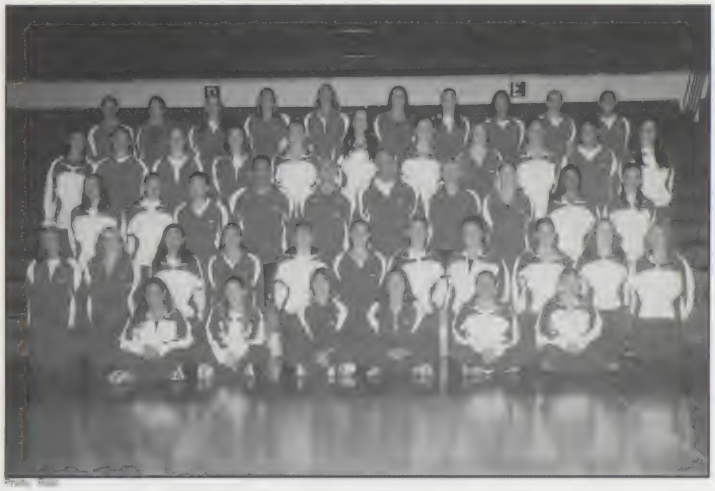
Girls' Swimming

Swimming is definitely not a sport for the weak. With double practices every day starting at 5:30 am and ending at 5:30 pm, these girls are machines! "I've never worked so hard for one sport in my entire life!" said Kari Chaiken ('04). And it's true! Swimming really knocks these girls out! With no feeling left in their legs, and shoulders that don't seem to move anymore, you would think that these girls are absolutely insane.

However, all of the teams' conditioning seemed to pay off in the long run. "In the three years that I have been coaching the swim team, this is by far our best season," said head coach Dan Vander Jeugdt. And the talent keeps on coming. With three freshman girls on varsity, the team will just continue to get better. Records have been shattered, memories have been made and friendships have been strengthened, the sport really isn't as bad as everyone makes it out to be.

-- Anna Chaiken

Natalie Norberg ('06) takes a quick breath before entering the water again during the 100 yard breaststroke.



Front: Rachel Stein, Melissa Mazur, Natalie Norberg, Misako Rivera, Mariel Snyder, Katherine Brandt 2nd: Kari Chaiken, Annaliese Opfer, Kimberly Salakana, Heather Benson, Colleen Kearns, Khrista Harris, Joann Bialobrzewski, Sabrina Madrigal, Brittany Sorenson, Christine Crawley, Jean Klos 3rd: Julie Fry, Katherine Zehner, Loreen Targos, Coach Louis Torres, Coach Jason Macejak, Coach Dan Vander Jeudgt, Coach Hope Kracht, Virgina Palmer, Akhila Gummi, Lina Burina 4th: Mihee Choe, Stefani Masterton, Jessica Frank, Ina Buric, Melissa Drouganis,Selma Lelic, Elizabeth Burns, Beth Messer, Katherine Schuller, Mina Azarnoosh, Alicia Bartz Back: Renee Krolczyk, Ida Eng, Michelle Roberts, Anna Chaiken, Jennifer Gorski, Chloe Neims, Christine DePaolis, Jennifer Eng, Margaret Wattenbarger, Theresa Lim

Right: Elena Boyarsky ('04) anxiously waits for the ball to come her way. She is ready to run and hit it back at a moment's notice.

Team M.V.P.s

"The best memory of the season was playing Waukegan. It was drizzling and everybody was sliding around on the court. When we ran to hit balls, we couldn't stop."
-- Kate Edelson ('03)

"My season went well. I think I've improved and my doubles partner, Helen Kang ('03), and I have gotten the best record we ever played: 9-4."
-- Joyce Ko ('03)

JV: Front: Rachel Kagan, Samaneh Kabul 2nd: Grace Kim, Willa Chan, Julie Rysemus, Marija Puljic, Daniela Ojeda, Natalia Murashev Back: Emilia Antezana, Syema Sheikh, Coach Margaret Donnelly, Lisa Schneider, Yvonne Palmer

VARSITY: Front: Jennifer Villanueva, Jean Mok 2nd: Rita Koganzon, Helen Kang, Kate Edelson, Joyce Ko Back: Lauren Perzov, Michelle Siroko, Coach Michael Belleau, Elena Boyarsky, Sarah Trilling

"I grew a lot because, as captain, this was the first year I had to be a leader and help the new girls adjust to the varsity level. It was fun and memorable, but challenging."
-- Jean Mok ('03)

Girls' Tennis

The 2001-2002 girls' tennis team was led by captains Kate Edelson ('02), Joyce Ko ('02), and Jean Mok ('02) and Coach Michael Belleau. The team had a great season and went on several trips. They attended conferences at Maine South and New Trier; sectionals at New Trier; and three invites, Maine South, Buffalo Grove, and Willowbrook, where they placed third. The group's success can no doubt be attributed to its closeness. Their support and confidence in each another helped them to get through the season successfully. Ko ('02) said, "We play better together now. We rely on each other more and we know our disabilities and abilities when playing a game. We help each other out and play great!" And after a good game? All the girls go out and eat together in celebration.

-- Brenda Teruel

Lauren Perzov ('04) puts all her effort into hitting that ball. It doesn't magically get over the net, you know?

It's obvious that Yvonne Palmer ('04) won't let the ball out of her sight. She is right on track. No missed swings here.

Right: Ionna Dimoulis ('05) warms up her arms by taking some hard digs before the match.

Team M.V.Ps

"We didn't have the top record but it was a really fun season. We had a lot of great times that I will always remember. You lose!"
-- Devin Jaremus ('03)

"Most of us have played together for a few years which made our confidence stay high. We all got along extremely well and we had so much fun. 8:33-- I win!"
-- Jessica Patera ('04)

FRESHMAN: Front: Samantha Meron, Supattha Rodvong, Julie Curry 2nd: Sophia Venetos, Dorothea Stepan, Jeannie Famanas, Andrea Wielgus, Jacqueline Perez, Elizabeth Steinert, Jennifer Zagorski, Noelle Paule 3rd: Coach Amber Lange, Martha Scheler, Milica Zivkovic, Robyn Reuter, Casey McDonald, Elianna Quiroz, Coach Ray Carr Back: Amanda Merikas, Panagiota Gikas, Cora Gibbs, Kiley Wagner, Jinny Lee, Tiffany Chamnil

JV: Front: Caroline Fernandez, Joan Kim, Lisa Yee, Priya Kalapurayil 2nd: Justine Barquez, Christina Sidiropoulos, Victoria Jimenez, Andrea Markweych, Emilee Wolinetz, Hailey Granatelli, Ionna Dimoulis Back: Coach Stacey Albecht, Samantha Nelson, Katarina Sucic, Lauren Wegner, Jeraline Rosario, Gillian Ouska

"The seniors provided this year's team with true leadership! It was a great season."
-- Coach Leah Carter

Girls' Volleyball

This season, Niles West had a new coach for a new team. Lead by seven returning seniors, Coach Leah Carter gave the volleyball program a fresh start to victory. All of the levels improved their records, especially the varsity team which increased their winnning record from last year's three wins to eight this season.

From crazy scavenger hunts to weekend tournaments, the girls were friends on and off the court. "With all the diverse personalities on the team it made the bus rides home loud and memorable," stated captain Jennifer Fortman ('03). Even though the team did not do as well as they would have liked on the court, their friendships and teamwork made the 2002 season a very sucessful one.

-- Heather Johnson

VARSITY: Front: Ashley Ng, Christina Sidiropoulos, Ionna Halkias 2nd: Heather Johnson, Colleen Corrigan, Carmen Mandou, Kimberly Edwardson 3rd: Coach Leah Carter, Jennifer Fortman, Jessica Patera, Eileen Ouska, Julia Varsamis, Kathryn Barquez Back: Kathleen Noonan, Devin Jaremus, Eunice An, Co rinne O'Reilly, Christine Carnate

Huddling up on the floor and screaming out a cheer is one part of the JV's warm-up. These short 30 seconds give the captains one last chance to get their team pumped up and ready to win.

Right: The Pommers show their great flexibility in unison as they kick their legs high into the air. They perform a new dance at every home football and basketball game.

Team M.V.Ps

"To the Pommers and Hess: all I have to say is the games, hot summers, inside jokes, competitions, and sleepovers. You girls are my bestest friends and my high school years wouldn't be the same without you!"
-- Jacqueline Collens ('03)

"A little bit of dedication, a teaspoon of love, and a cup of hard work, were the perfect ingredients for our squad this year."
-- Monica Castillo ('04)

JV: Front: Chloe Castro, Samantha Sanders, Aakruti Sheth, Swati Patel Back: Coach Lynne Rauser, Heather Harmston, Alice Hong, Anais Barraud, Kim Kotsovos

Varsity: Front: Kristina Govostis, Jacqueline Collens, Brenda Teruel 2nd: Jessica Pravnik, Laura Lee, Monica Castillo, Sandra Goyal, Blair Rudd Back: Kim Ho, Melissa Caballero, Coach Sarell Hesser, Samantha Rosati, Jamie Willis

"Poms is one of the most important things to me. It is fun because I get to see my friends and laugh about our inside jokes. Without Poms, high school would not be the same. I have formed friendships that I will cherish forever."
-- Elena Dimoulis ('04)

Pom Pons

"Poms has made my senior year very memorable. Our squad is very small and close-knit so that made practices even more fun. With Poms being a two season sport and having summer practices, it took up a lot of my time, but this is the reason why all the girls on the squad are so close. Going to practices felt like I was just going to hang out with a bunch of friends," says Sandra Goyal ('03).

This year, the Pom squad did not have as many girls on it as it had in the past. Being a small group, they were able to grow very close over the summer with the many practices in preparation for camp. "Whenever I would get discouraged, there was always someone to cheer me up and help me out. It's comforting to know that I can count on anyone on the squad to make me feel better," says Laura Phillips ('04).

-- Samantha Rosati

JV: Front: Chloe Castro, Heather Harmston 2nd: Swati Patel, Aakruti Sheth, Kristen Fleming, Catherine Millan, Linda Lee Back: Kim Kotsovos, Alice Hong, Coach Lynne Rauser, Anais Barraud, Samantha Sanders

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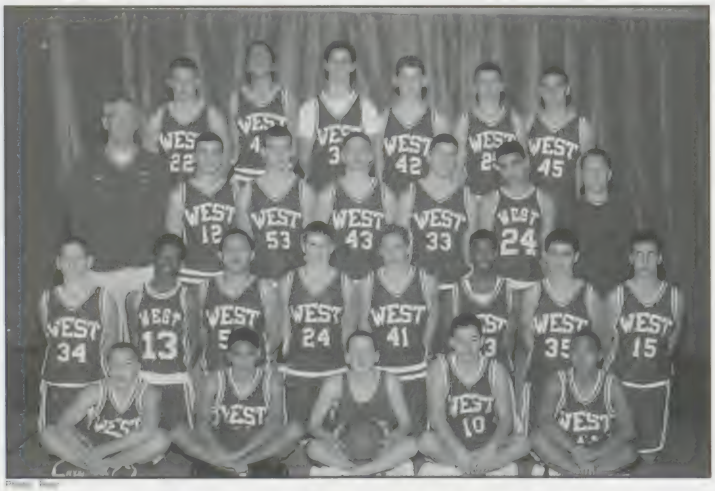
Right: Victor Colon ('06) gets in the face of a Maine South player. The Wolves played a tough game against the Hawks and came out with a victory.

Team M.V.Ps

"Everybody thought we were the old Niles West, but we proved them wrong: our record is better than ever."
-- Jimmy Thengil ('03)

"Being ranked among the top 25 in the state is such a great feeling of accomplishment"
-- Steve Mourtokokis ('03)



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SOPHOMORE: Front: Stephen Weidner, Robert Metellus, Jack Littwin, Roal McLennon, Lance Newman 2nd: Matt Fritzshall, Chris McKinney, Jackey Hunt, Dan Goldfein, Amit Kamdar, Rashard Mendenhall, Will Arnold Back: Coach George Bravos, Jimmy Kane, Nick Felsoci, Pat Ryan, Jorge Gonzalez, Marc Evans

"I thought that being a freshman on the varsity team was going to be hard, but they really helped me become part of the team. We are like a big group of brothers."
-- Victor Colon ('06)

Boys' Basketball

Strength, pride, and unity were what filled the air. This year's 2002-2003 boys' basketball team was probably the most talented team that Niles West has seen since the late 1970's. The last time a boys' basketball team won the CSL conference was in 1976. This season, they won outright both the conference and regional championship, which, in itself, is unusual. The wolf pack swallowed the competition and next year will be hungry for more.

-- Beeta Azarnoosh

VARSITY: Front: A.J. Tamandong, Erik Granlund, Patrik Patel 2nd: Jarryd Loyd, Ben Krop, Nathan Diaz, Walter Mendenhall, Jimmy Thengil Back: Coach Eric Lueder, Steve Mourtokokis, Chris Lamarz, Sean Odzic, Victor Colon, Coach Dave Genis

Above: Nathan Diaz ('04) gets his hands in the face of a Hawk player to try and stop him in his tracks.

Right: Heather Hohs ('03) breaks through the defense as she makes a perfect swish.

Team M.V.Ps

"Even though the season was not what we expected, we came through and worked hard as a team, not as individuals."
-- Corinne O'Reilly ('03)

"I've never been on a team where everyone felt like my sister."
-- Colleen Corrigan ('03)

FRESHMAN: Front: Julie Curry, Jennifer Zagorski, Sophia Venetos, Martha Scheler, Demi Achivara, Noelle Paule 2nd: Allie Temkin, Casey McDonald, Kathryn Zehner, Christine Rosen, Colleen Kearns, Eli Quinz, Nichole Horvath Back: Coach Stacy Albrecht, Jamie Huer, Patricia Gikas, Diane Pappas, Elizabeth Burns, Michelle Farazi, Kiley Wagner, Coach Gary Gustafson

SOPHOMORE: Front: Natalie Jacobucci, Stefani Masterton, Senada Lika 2nd: Colleen Kearns, Gillian Ouska, Ashley Kennedy, Hailee Sullivan, Lois Kwon Back: Coach Tony Konsewicz, Patricia Toliopoulos, Valerie Papillon, Maura Malartsik, Jessica Plaia, Coach Fitzgerald

"A successful basketball team consists of skill, sportsmanship, and determination but our team went well beyond."
-- Kristin Guiang ('03)

Girls' Basketball

With a new head coach and new faces on the team, the varsity girls' basketball team did an amazing job of working together. The girls may not have won all their games, but they showed their talents in their performances. Talented as they are, the girls did come through with some sweet victories. Winning games against Waukegan, Glenbrook North, and Marian Catholic, the girls stayed focused and optimistic about the sport. With their good sportsmanship, skill, and unity, the team truly shined. "The girls displayed leadership, athleticism and commitment leading the girls to have an inspirational basketball season," said Coach Lou Metallo. It goes to show a team that has spirit and works hard will succeed and display the true definition of a winner.

-- Michelle Roberts

VARSITY: Front: Corinne O'Reilly, Brandy Harrison, Colleen Corrigan 2nd: Jodi Henriksen, Julia Varsamis, Jessica Patera, Lauren Perzov, Heather Hohs Back: Head Coach Lou Metallo, Meagan Duffy, Eileen Ouska, Barbara Williams, Kristin Guiang, Coach Leah Carter

Coach Lou Metallo busts out a play during a time-out. As the new head coach, he is the creator of the team's play-by-play action.

Right: Muscles, chalk, sweat and form-- Renee Krolczyk ('03) uses all of these to perform a flawless kip on the uneven bars. A kip is a required trick on this event.

Team M.V.Ps

"I love gymnastics because doing flips are fun and the girls are great!"
-- Erica Locklund ('06)

"Bars is my favorite event. It's challenging and requires a lot of strength."
-- Diane Teng ('05)

Front: Katie Brandt, Sandy Machugin, Junelle Bennette, Nicki Elman, Ashley LaVoy 2nd: Jamie Donovan, Jessica Anderson, Sarah Rodeghero, Erica Locklund, Valerie Krynski, Selena Phan, Anneliese Opfer, Amy Ascherman 3rd: Coach Laura Oroni, Brittaney Sorenson, Amanda Siera, Milli Zivkovic, Coach Pam Foerch, Anna Vasilenko, Brandy Trafman, Lynda Pinsula, Coach Steve Foerch Back: Yvonne Palmer, Diane Teng, Annette Danilowski, Ashlee Christian , Renee Krolczyk, Chelsea Sher, Christina Earle, Hailey Granatelli

Chelsea Sher ('04) flies high above the balance beam doing a split leap. This is one of the more difficult leaps in gymnastics, yet she does it with ease.

"I've been doing gymnastics for a long time and I think this year was the best year I've ever had. The girls made the practices fun and exciting every day."
-- Valerie Krynski ('04)

Girls' Gymnastics

"We are here to rock the house, so listen to our wolf pack shout!" And rock the house they did. With a much improved season over last year, the girls' gymnastics team worked harder than ever to shatter old records and achieve personal best scores. The many incoming freshmen definitely made an impact on the team, bringing new and creative talent. The returning upperclassmen provided a strong foundation for success.

"I think gymnastics was a lot more fun this year. I made strong friendships, and the coaches really helped me improve my performance," stated Yvonne Palmer ('05). "We got pushed a lot harder in practice, and it definitely paid off." Their three hour morning practices every Saturday and every day during winter break showed the girls' invincible dedication and their love for the sport. This passion and hard work was evident in the meets. The team placed 5th out of 14 schools at the "A Star is Born" varsity invitational. With new records, achieved goals, and perfected tricks, this year's season was a great success.

-- Virginia Palmer and Loreen Targos

Brandy Trafman ('06) completes side splits on floor as part of her routine. Flexibility is one of the most important part of gymnastics, and this freshman is not lacking in that department.

The balance beam is most gymnasts' least favorite event. However, Annette Danilowski ('06) obviously has no problem with it. She looks to make sure that her hands will catch the beam on her flip-flop.

Right: Lined up and ready to start the game, the Nighthawks use their prepared and focused demeanor to scare their opponents.

Team M.V.Ps

"There is no skill that makes up for a lack of heart."
-- Christopher Johnson ('04)

"It is great to stand on the ice and hear the cheers from the crowd after we score a goal!"
-- Thomas Barszcz ('04)

VARSITY: Front: Thomas Barszcz, Steve Levin, Timothy spryszak, Aki Ohtomo 2nd: Devin Ohlsen, Gregory Eastman, Kevn Kruszynski, Timothy Novak, Frank Nottoli 3rd: Joonhee Seol, Kevin Carrow, Christopher Johnson, Erik Berman, David Salmonson, Bill Andrews, Jeffery Greenwood Back: Coach Kris Nelson, Coach George Carrow, Coach Brian Carrow

Photo Courtesy of Melinda Greenwood

After showing off their skills in a tough game, the Nighthawks also show off their sportsmanship by lining up to shake hands after the game.

"I have been on the Nighthawks for two years. Overall, it has been a fun and rewarding experience." -- Jeffery Greenwood ('05)

Nighthawks' Hockey

As a collaboration of the best hockey players from Niles West, Niles North, and Taft High School, the Nighthawks certainly have a lot of talent. This talent is necessary with the Nighthawks hectic schedule of eight games and only five practices in November. After overcoming school rivalry, the Nighthawks have bonded to create a very strong team. "We are a tight group of guys, and we have the passion to win!" said Christopher Johnson ('05).

This passion has become most obvious in the players that Niles West has brought to the team. With Jeffrey Greenwood ('05) leading assists and overall goals, Joonhee Seol ('04) as one of the top shorthand goal scorers, and David Salmonson ('05) scoring many game-winning goals, it is no surprise that the Nighthawks is one of the best teams in the league.

-- Stephanie Persaud and Amy Madhiwala

Team huddle! The Nighthawks quickly regroup during a time-out. Without this communication, the Nighthawks would not be able to achieve and score goals.

Photo: Courtesy of Melinda Greenwood

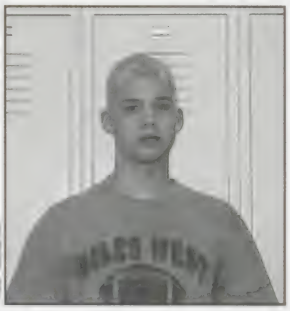
Here, the Nighthawks are practicing the skills they learned watching the National Hockey League-- body checks and slamming each other into the wall. Hopefully, the referee has it all under control.

Right: With the other team only a few feet away, Jerry Galinsky ('03) swims with all his strength to finish the race. His years of experience show in his performances at the meets.

Team M.V.Ps

"This season has been an excellent one since we finally had everyone training year-round."
-- Matthew Torres ('04)

"I felt really privileged this year to be with the upperclassmen. They taught me a lot in this sport and I'm looking forward to next year."
-- Jack Targos ('06)



JV/VARSITY: Front: Andrew Suh, Ronald Trinh, Alexis Gatica, Petros John Sidiropoulos, Marc Popovici, Jesse Lefkowitz, Eric Guzman, Milan Ganger, Marco Medina 2nd: Bradley Cohn, Jerry Galinsky, Shaun Guardino, Gabriel Villamil, Kyle Harbaugh, Ivo Severovic, Mauksim Kauffman, Christopher Teng, Adrian Lovera, Matthew Torres, Robert Krolczyk 3rd: Coach Lou Torres, Coach Jason Macejak, Eric Shine, Scott Burman, Joseph Demonte, Zachary Jarosz, Zachary Sagett, Jack Targos, Coach Keith MacDonald, Jennifer Gorski Back: Robert Ruber, Paul Bialobrzewski, Nick Meccia, Kristopher Kinslow, Michael Grossman, Alex Babin, West Current, Serge Girels

Kicking his feet and striding with his arms stretched straight out, Bradley Cohn ('05) shows an example of a great back stroke.

"No matter where we place this season, we'll know that we put forth our best effort."
-- Andrew Suh ('05)

Boys' Swimming

While most of us are sleeping, the sounds of splishing and splashing can be heard throughout the pool. The boys' swim team is full of energy from 5:30 to 7:00 in the morning for an early-bird practice. In addition to practicing in the morning, they also have practice after school from 3 to 5:30. It must be tiring to practice all day long, but it surely has inspired a great outcome this season.

This year, despite the fair amount of underclassmen on the team, they all are talented and proficient at both swimming and diving. "The future is bright with our biggest freshman class in recent years," said Coach MacDonald. On the boys' varsity, there are four juniors and four seniors who call themselves the "Big Eight." In the "Big Eight" there are three all-conference swimmers, as well as two of the state's top divers. "We have a solid team that ranks among the top 20 in the state," added Coach MacDonald. This year is truly one of the best years for the boys' swim team.

-- Eunice Kim

With so many new freshmen joining the team, Coach Dan Vander Jeudgt takes a lot of time to guide them towards success.

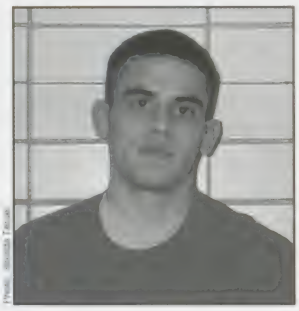
Swimming butterfly isn't hard for Alex Babin ('04). He shows perfect form at one of the races against Niles North by slicing through the water.

Right: Look! It's the Michael Jordan of wrestling! Lester Niedzielski ('03) sticks his tongue out as he prepares to make a move on his opponent.

Team M.V.Ps

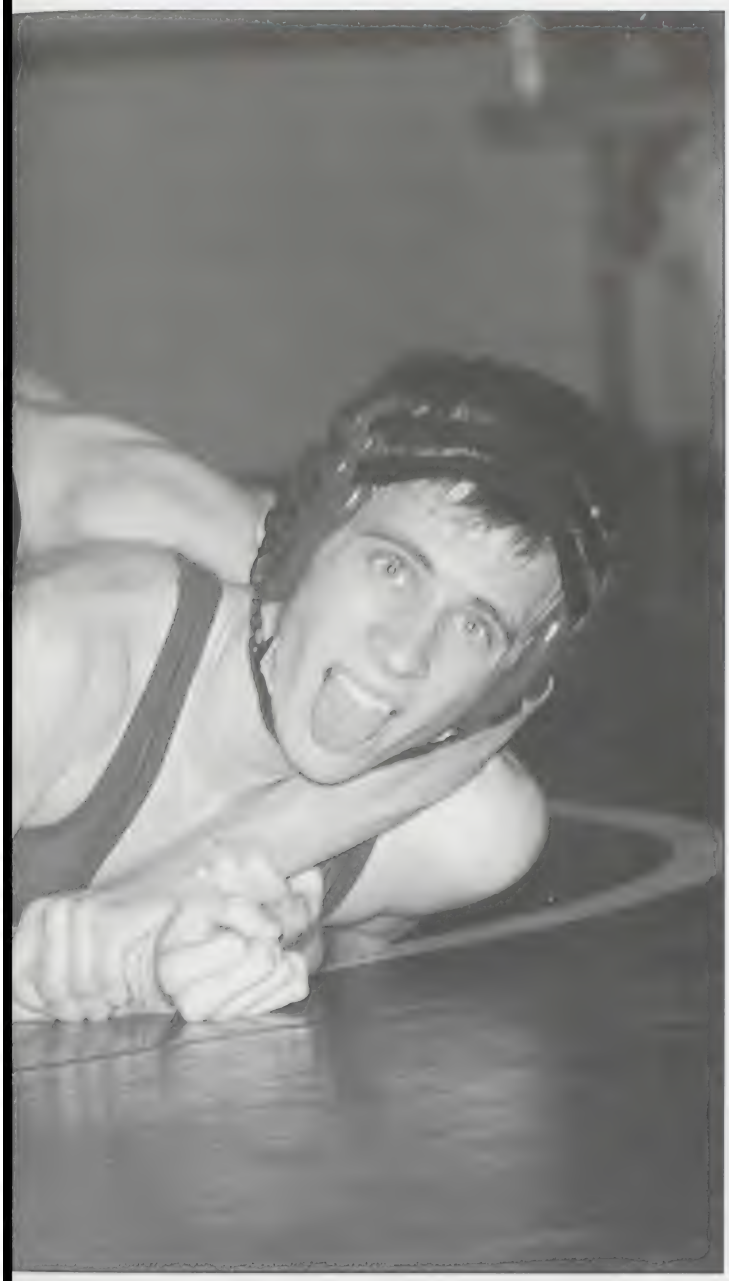
"Wrestling is such a demanding sport, both mentally and physically, but our coaches are very supportive of us and help us in any way they can."
-- Adil Kolovic ('03)

"My goal in wrestling is to beat the opponents so badly that they want to join basketball."
-- Sergio Alzate ('03)



FRESHMAN: Front: Jonathon Eng, Martin Christian, Michael Flannery 2nd: Benjamin Sun, Johnny Joseph, Matthew Goeber, Mohsin Fazil, Marek Rzepka Back: Coach Artem Boldetskiy, Frank Marchman, Michael Poloz, Bernard Ralph, Anthony Heard, Coach Bryan Wittersheim

JV: Front: Steve Vanderporten, Zachary Zuckerman, Steven Janossy, Bart Williams, Andrey Melikhov 2nd: Lester Niedzielski, Michael Ferentinos, Adrian Slemmons, Anthony Hernandez, Shaun Ralph, Rommel Cuevo Back: Coach Mario Faso, Steven Stein, Thomas Maddex, Sergie Grebenschikov, Max Estes, Coach Sean Delahanty



"Over my four years on wrestling, I've seen the team and coaches grow very close. I'm really proud of my teammates. We've had a great four years and a lot of good memories."
-- Christopher Neitlich ('03)

Wrestling

Wonder why people like wrestling? It's because of the personal reward one gets from winning a match. Wrestling is harder than most people think. It is a very challenging and difficult sport that this year's wrestling team does exceptionally well. They have the spectactular strength, endurance, and technique needed to succeed. The team was led by varsity captains Adil Kolovic ('03), Aaron Bendel ('03), Sergio Alzate ('03), and Christopher Neitlich ('03). Their guidance has led to a successful season due to hard work and support from their team mates. "The team is like a family. Even when we aren't wrestling, the team still spends time together," said Adil Kolovic ('03). The closeness of the team and coaches Howard Fogel and Mario Faso has helped the team have a great season.

-- Brenda Teruel

VARSITY: Front: Benjamin Shabad, Edward Rouzin-Moy, Jordan Rothstein, Robert Finnerman, Marc Klein, Rendell Padilla 2nd: Martin Gould, Danny Carnow, Marc Javanshad, Eric Courtney, Captain Aaron Bendel, David Lee, James Ralph, Shabbaz Ahmed, Vlad Bezuyevskiy Back: Coach Mario Faso, Dino Kalabogias, Captain Sergio Alzate, Jesus Colon, Captain Adil Kolovic, Sean Finnerman, Jack Gould, Coach Howard Fogel

Martin Gould ('05) attacks his opponent and uses all of his strength to keep him down. Believe the wrestlers when they say, "It's harder than you think."

Counter clockwise from right: Miners on the surface reach out to shake hands with the fourth miner as he is lifted from the hole in the capsule at the Quecreek mine on Sunday, July 28, 2002. Nine miners were pulled one-by-one from the watery, 240-foot-deep shaft where they had been trapped for three days.

Serena Williams holds up her winning trophy next to her sister, Venus Williams, who holds on to the second place trophy after finishing the women's final at the US Open tennis tournament in New York.

Actress Winona Ryder is seen through a tinted glass as she arrives for open arguments at the Beverly Hills Court House in Beverly Hills, California .

The Osbourne family pose for a picture as they arrive at the 54th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards at the Shrine Auditorium in Los Angeles. From left are Kelly, Ozzy, Sharon, Robert Marcato and Jack. Marcato is an 18-year-old friend of Kelly's who recently moved in with the family after his mother died of the same type of cancer afflicting Sharon.

Houston Rockets' Cuttino Mobley, left, "high fives" center Yao Ming in the first half the game against the Toronto Raptors.

"On February 1, 2003 the Space Shuttle Columbia was lost during its re-entry into Earth's atmosphere. These courageous astronauts will be missed."

--NASA

What's New in the World?

Far Left: First Lady Laura Bush, left, and Iran Brown, right, participate in the holiday program at Children's National Medical Center in Washington. Brown is the 13-year-old victim who was critically wounded in the Washington area sniper attacks.
Left: "American Idol" finalists Justin Guarini, of Doylestown, Pennsylvania, and Kelly Clarkson, of Burleson, Texas, pose backstage during the MTV Video Music Awards at New York's Radio City Music Hall. Kelly was the winner.

Far Left: Jennifer Lopez accepts the award for "Most Influential Artist" during the 2002 VH1/ Vogue Fashion Awards at New York's Radio City Music Hall.
Left: A mourner kneels at ground zero Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002 in New York, during ceremonies to mark the one-year anniversary of the attacks.
Above: The Bahamas-registered 'Prestige' oil tanker is seen broken in two before sinking into the Atlantic Ocean some 150 miles off Spain's coast in the Atlantic Ocean. The stricken tanker carrying 20.5 million gallons, was towed some 244 kilometers, 152 miles, off the coast when it sank, threatening an environmental disaster off the northwest coast of Spain and Portugal.
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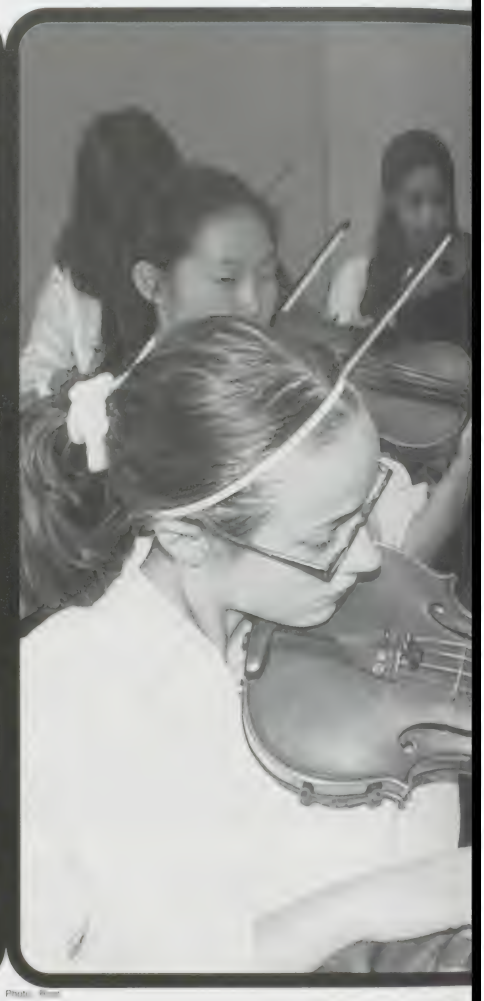

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A group of 20 students who went to most football games, home and away.

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The girls in this Korean dance, Chung Sang So Do, wear a Han Bok, or the traditional clothing which has been around since ancient times. Their dance incorporates the respectful manner in which people bow down to elders.

Chinese Club performs a traditional lion dance that impresses the crowd. The lion head represents strength, luck, and happiness.

Most students at Niles West have never heard of this Filipino dance, the Tinickling. The fancy footwork and timed jumped are what the girls concentrate on as they give an remarkable performance.

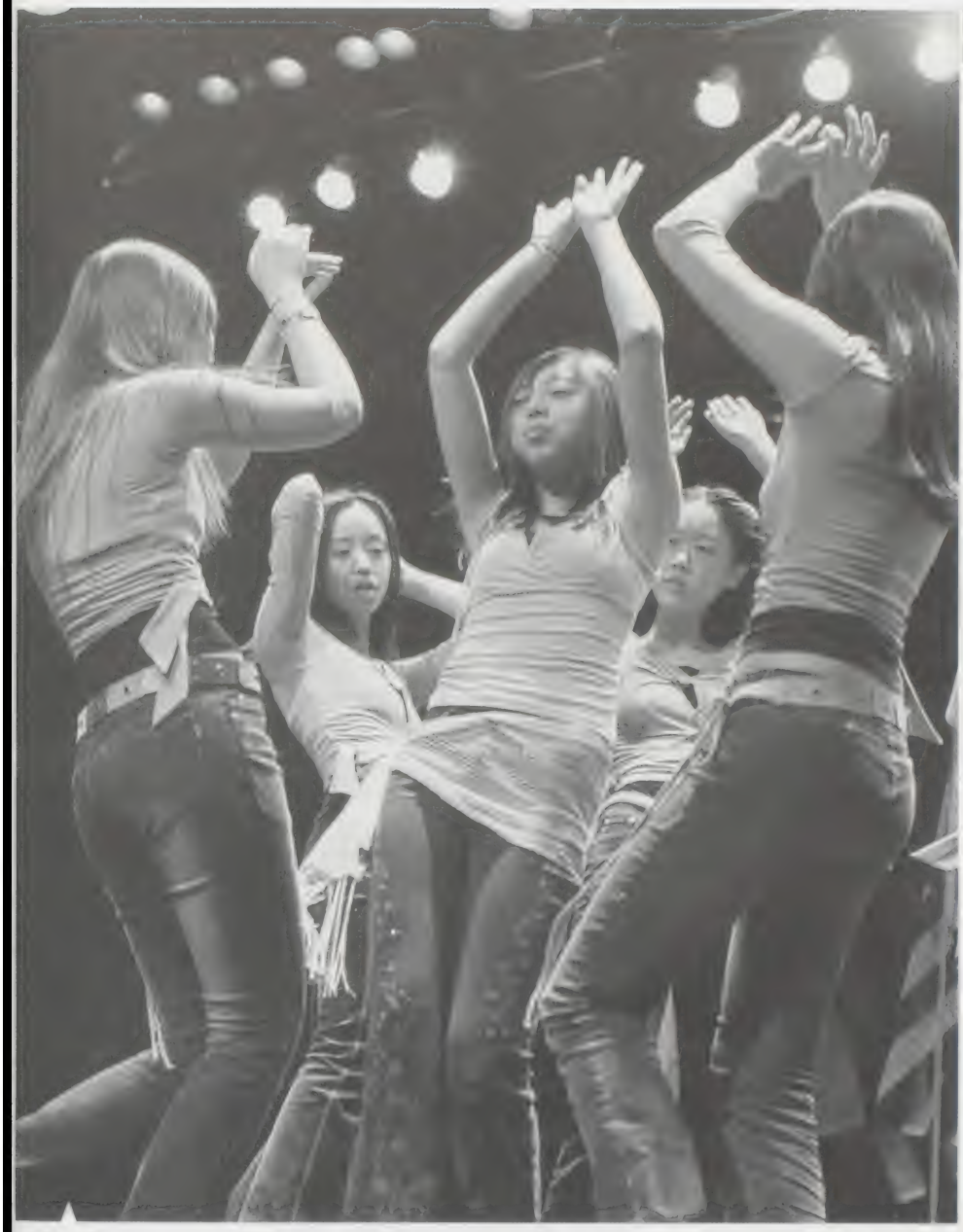
International Night

Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego?

Greek pride flows from hand to hand as these students dance in a circle to the beat of their dance, the Kalamatiano.

She goes from Nashville to Norway, Bonaire to Zimbabwe, Chicago to Czechoslovokia and back! Tell me, where in the world is Carmen Sandiego? Niles West is a very diverse school.Many of the students who go here are from countries all around the world and speak a multitude of languages. International Night is an event where students from all cultures come together and perform in groups representing their cultural backgrounds. Songs, creative dances, and a fashion show that reflects the many different ethnicities make up the greater part of the afternoon.

-- Amy Madhiwala and Stephanie Persuad



Korean Club dances to the latest Korean pop song--"Valentine" by the artist Boa. They managed to duplicate the exact steps from Boa's video--good job!

One wrong step and the chain is broken. The fancy footwork done by the Assyrian Club requires much concentration, and you can tell these students have it down perfectly.

Their colorful outfits attract much attention, as do the smiles on their faces. The Serbian Club obviously enjoys performing, as one can tell by watching.

Break dancing moves require muscle and balance, and it's clear that these boys posess them both. The Filipino Club put on quite a show as can be seen from this picture.

Bharatnatyam is the dance these girls from Indo-Pak are doing, and their quick moves, along with their balanced steps, make this dance interesting to all who watch.

The End

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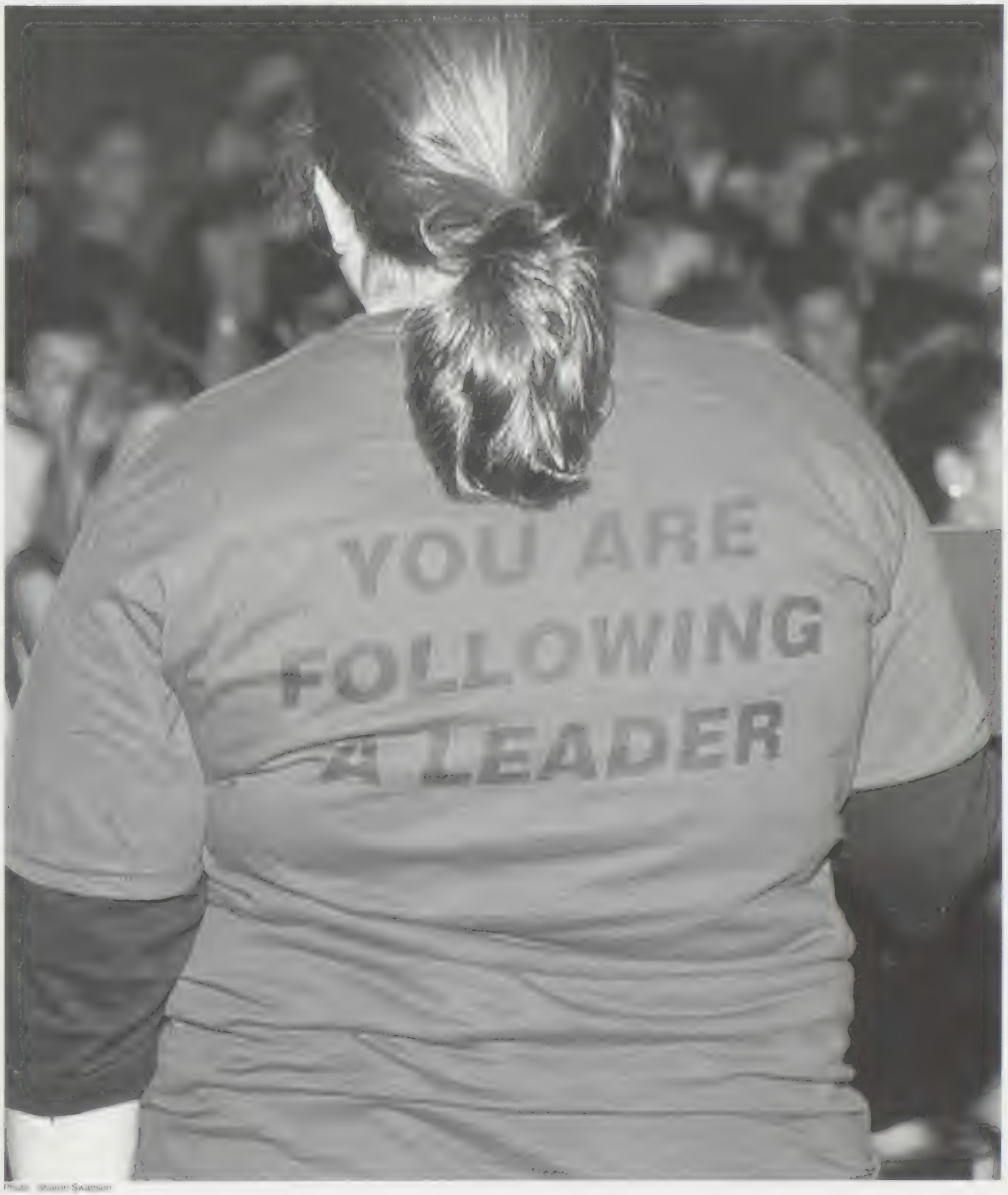

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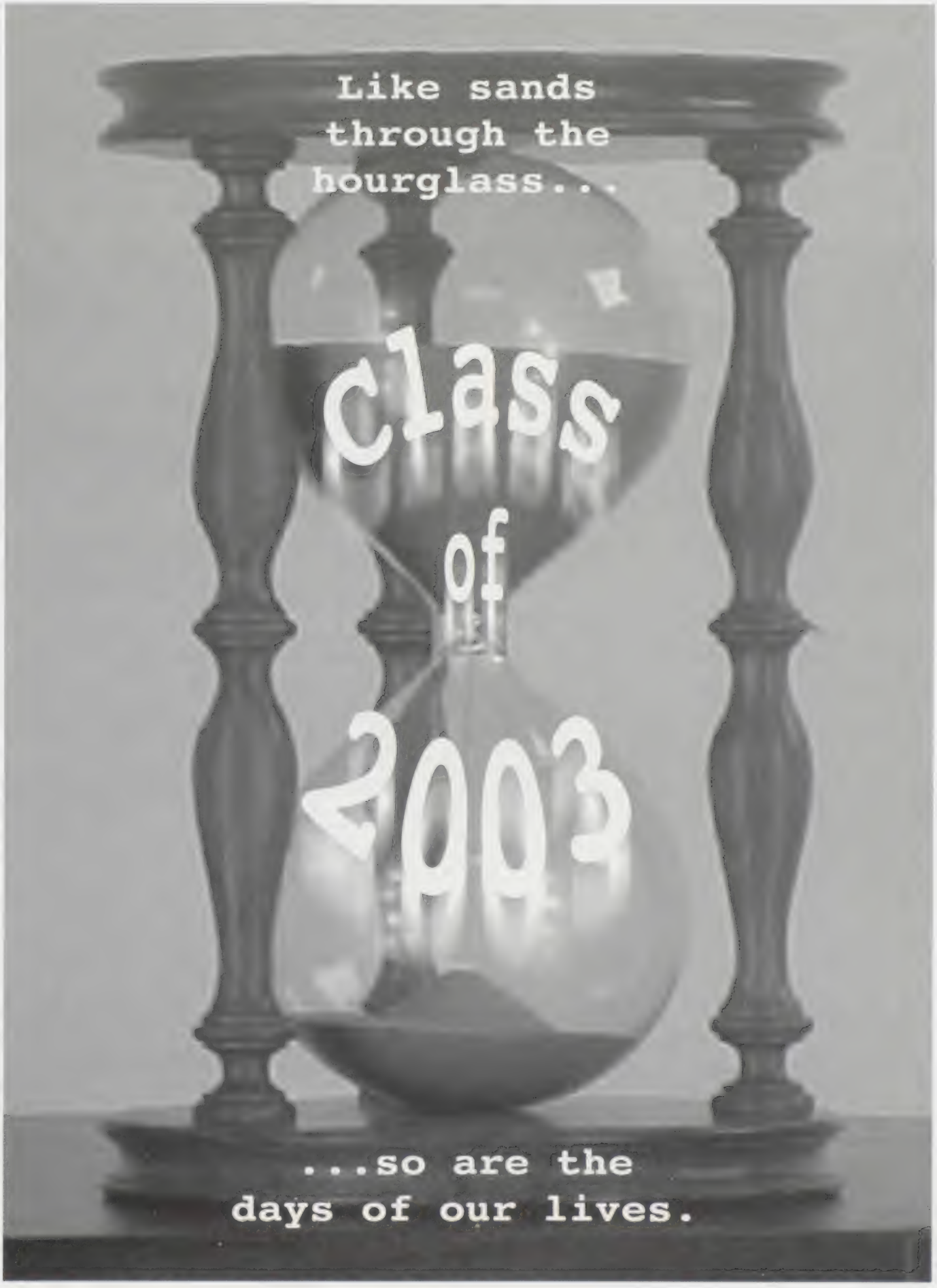
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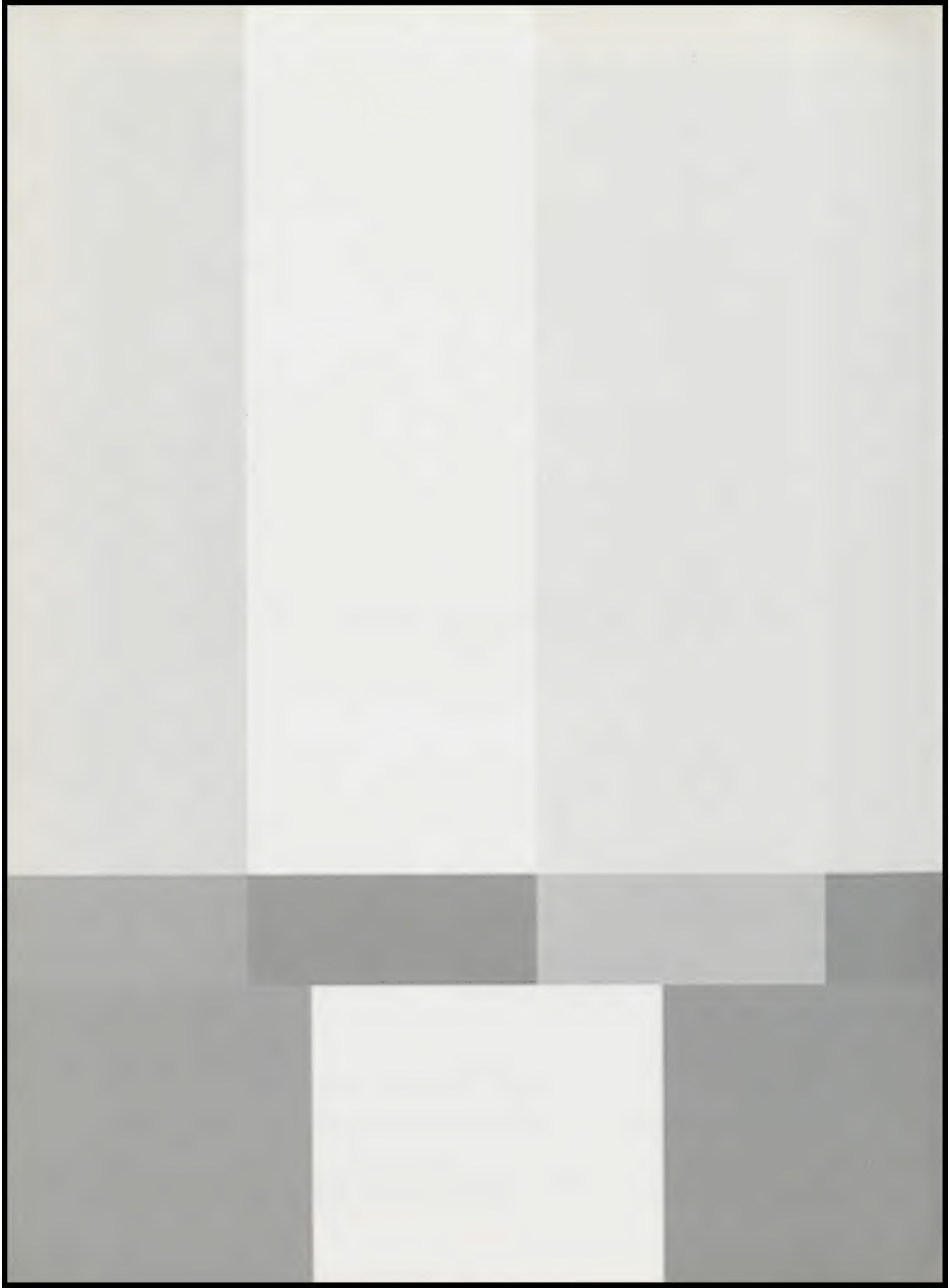

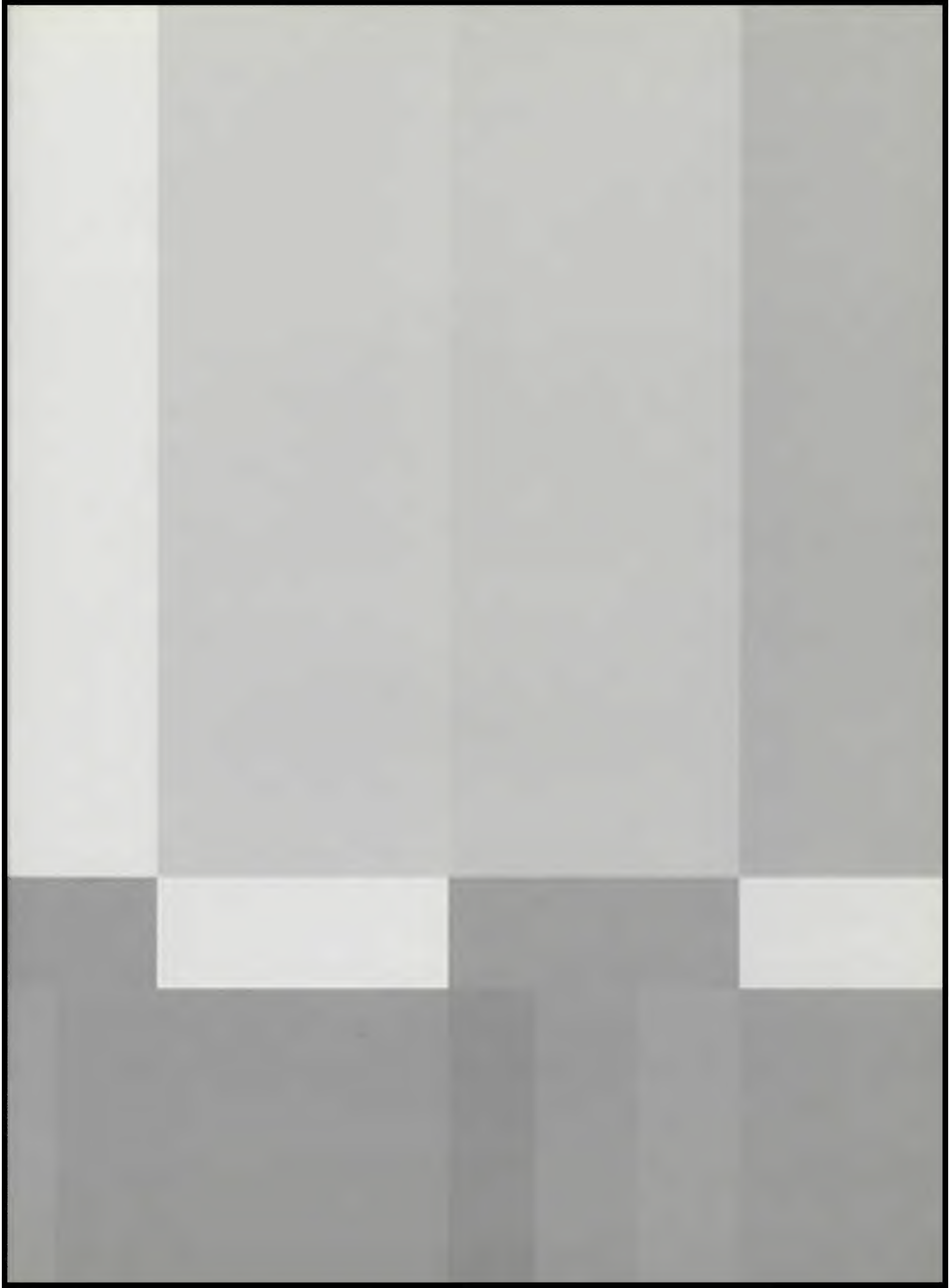

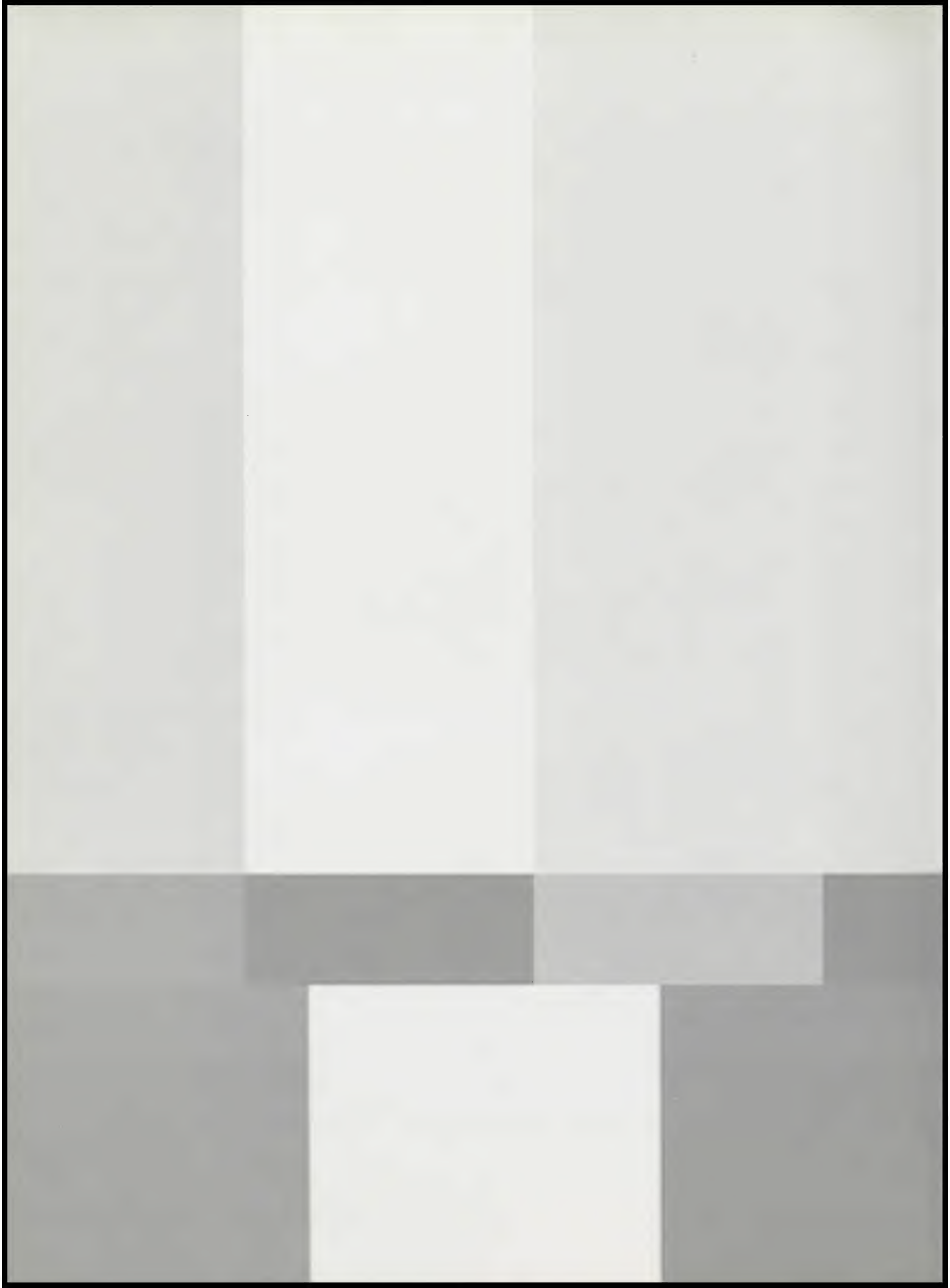

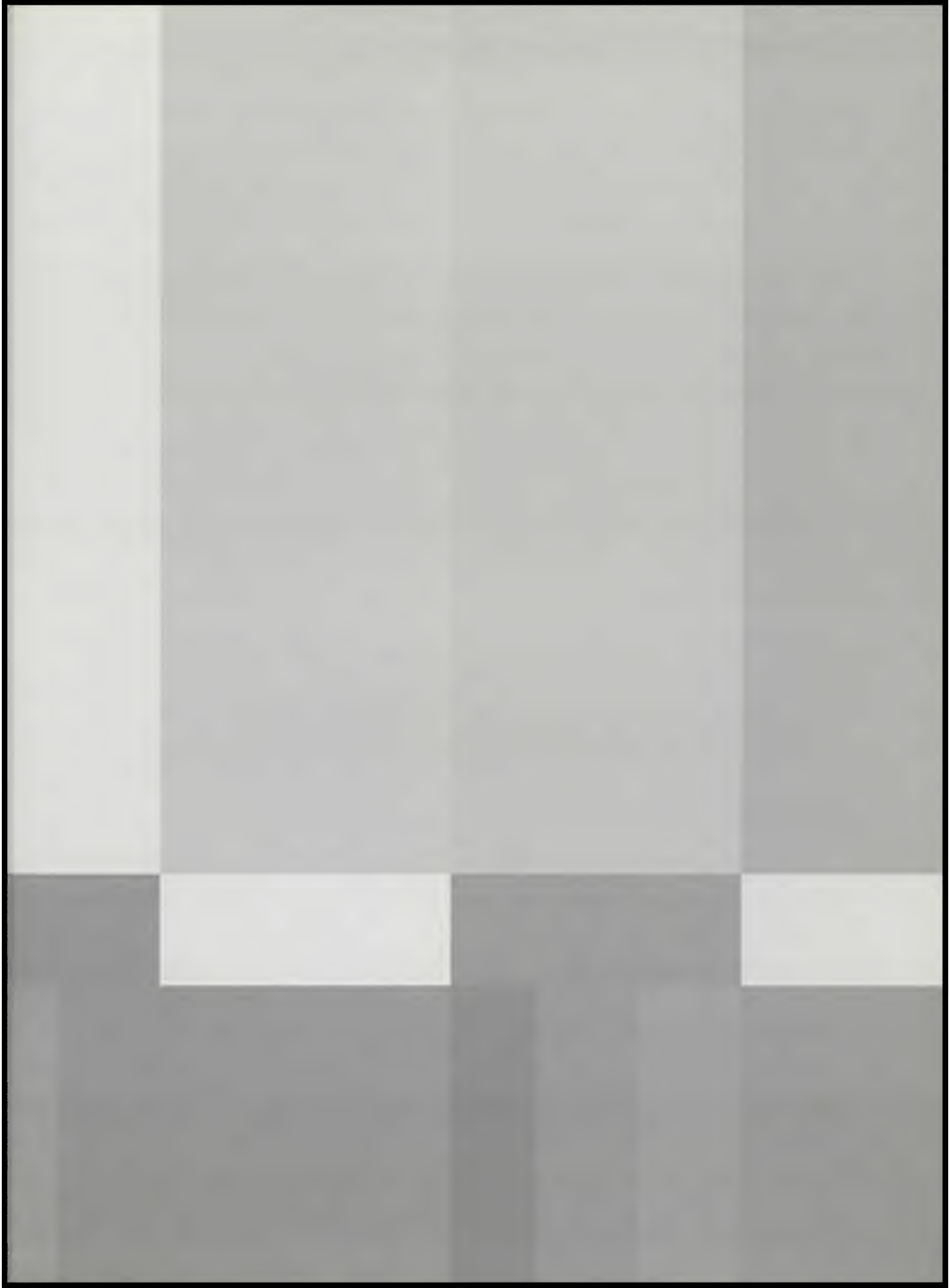

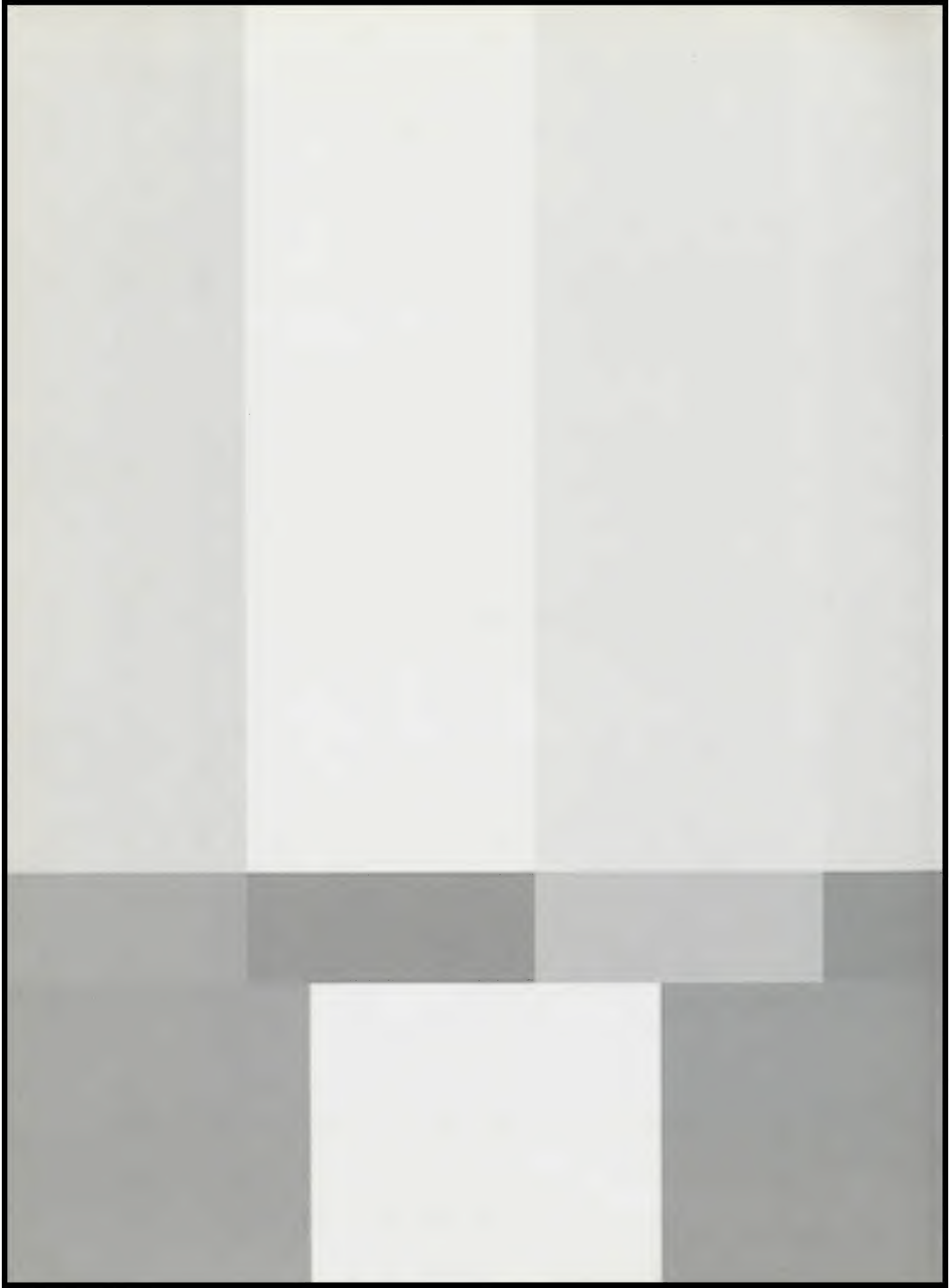

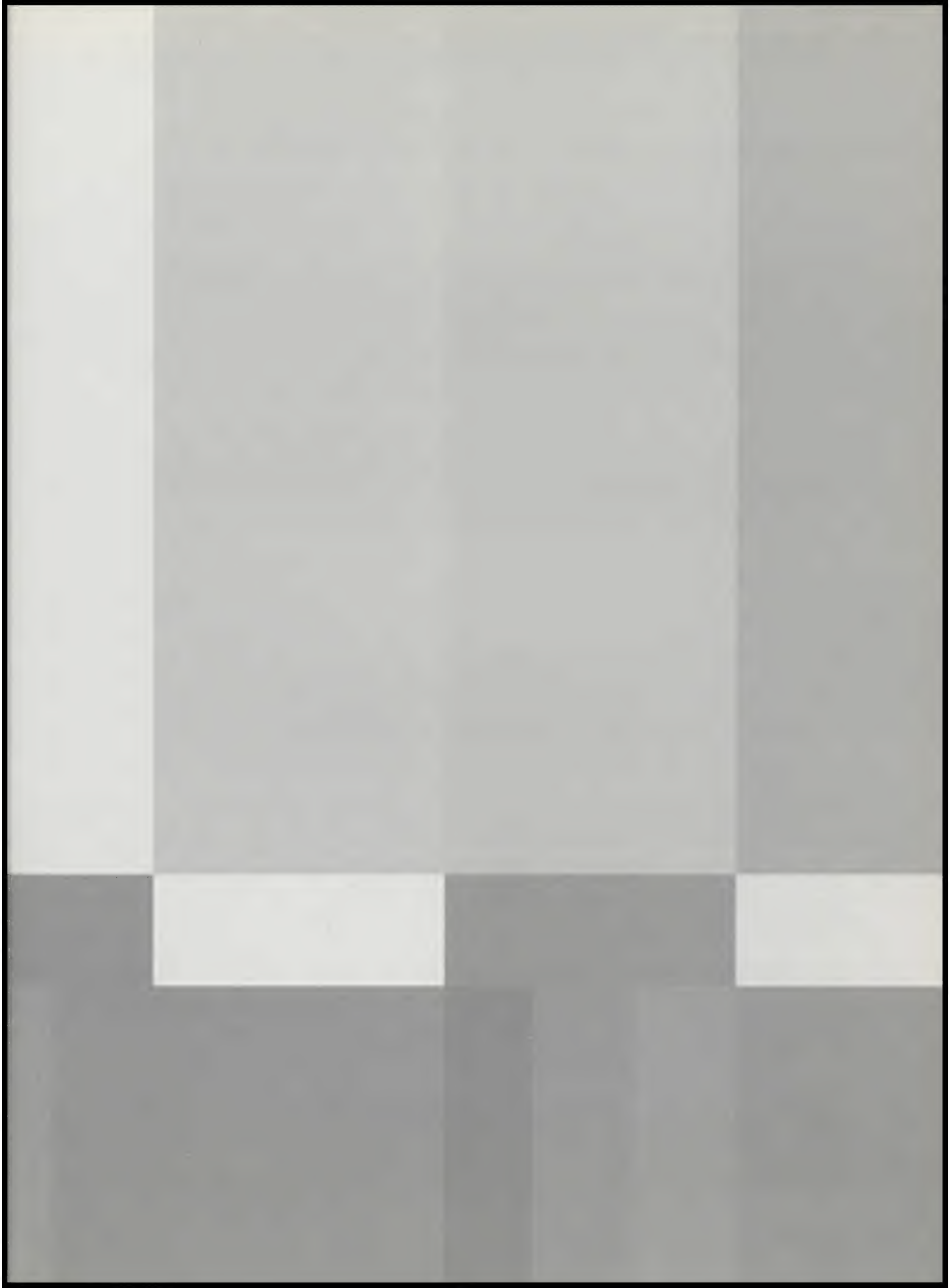

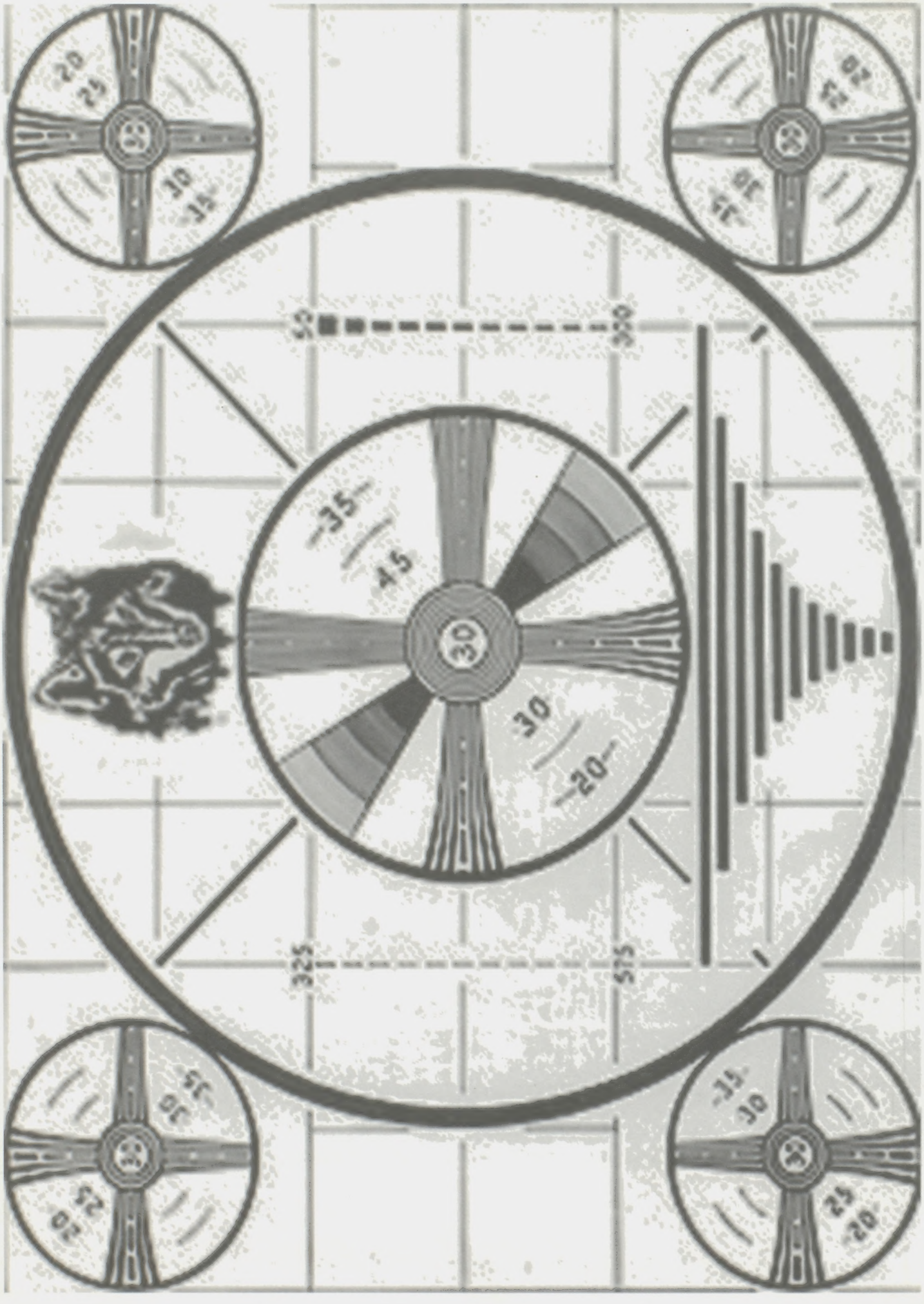
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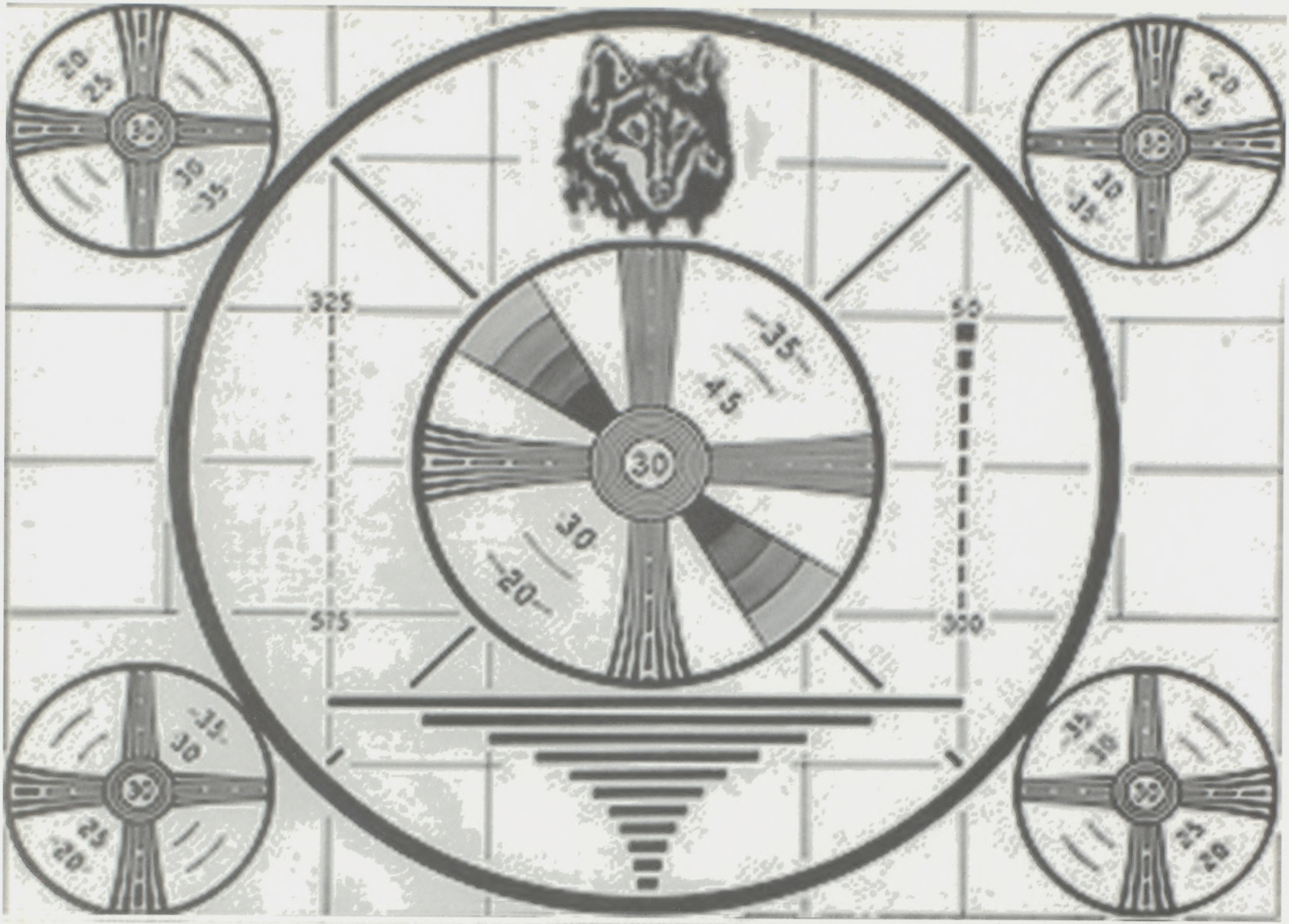
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